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Some respite for motorists as prices fall

Gas dips below \$4 a gallon, but supply concerns persist

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Gas prices at some stations in Connecticut have dropped below \$4 a gallon for the first time since March, giving motorists some cheer even as they pay 25% more than a year ago.

The average price in Connecticut on Monday was \$4.22, according to AAA, but several stations were selling at a 10th of a cent less than \$4. Gas sold at \$3.97 a gallon on March 4, according to AAA. A year ago, the price was \$3.17 a gallon. See-sawing prices declined as demand fell when businesses were shut to slow the spread of COVID-19. Prices rose as motorists and truckers returned to work when the virus receded. Gas surged following Russia's February inva-

sion of Ukraine that rattled global energy markets. The price peaked at \$4.98 a gallon in Connecticut on June 14, and has been declining since, according to AAA. Critics blame President Joe Biden, under pressure from environmentalists, for blocking too many U.S. oil fields from drilling and keeping down supplies that lead to higher prices. Supporters credit the president for tapping

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Gas prices in parts of Connecticut have dropped below \$4 a gallon for the first time since March. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**



Pancho Torres and his grandson, Jaylen Torres, set up the district four poll station at the Hartford International University for Religion and Peace on Monday. Pancho Torres, who is the Hartford setup crew supervisor for all 24 districts, is in his 11th year working for the city, having started after he retired from The Hartford's payroll department in 2011. **PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Connecticut voters head to polls Tuesday

Officials fear low turnout amid heat, lack of marquee race

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

Voters are heading to the polls Tuesday in all 169 cities and towns in what officials fear could be a low-turnout primary. Republicans will be casting ballots for U.S. Senate and secretary of the state, while Democrats will be voting for state treasurer and secretary of the state, along with some seats in the state legislature. Former Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, who is not seeking reelection after 12 years in office, fears that three major factors could reduce the turnout to as low as 15% in the



Jaylen Torres has been working with his grandfather, Pancho, for two years setting up poll stations. Pancho Torres told the Courant that smaller primaries and elections do not always motivate people to come out and vote.

statewide primaries. First, the ongoing heat wave that has constantly pushed temperatures into the 90s with high humidity does not encourage voters to leave their air-conditioned homes, she said. "People don't want to go out at all," Merrill said Monday. "It's been what? A seven-day heat wave? This is not going to relent by tomorrow. ... You're at the height of the summer. It's hot." Second, there is no marquee race for governor that would generate high interest at the polls. Every four years since 2006, Democrats or Republicans have had highly competi-

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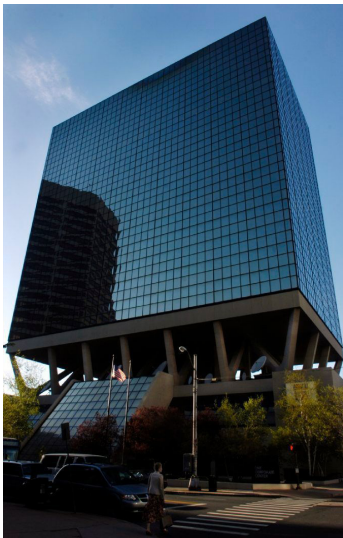
Iconic Hartford location in peril

Stilts Building faces foreclosure in fallout from pandemic

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — In the aftermath of the pandemic, downtown Hartford's largest commercial landlord is facing foreclosure on one of the city's most iconic office structures: 20 Church St., the Stilts Building. An affiliate of Shelbourne Global Solutions LLC of Brooklyn, New York, hasn't made a payment on its \$31 million loan on the distinctive, 23-story tower since February, according to documents filed by lender Wells Fargo in late June. The foreclosure, which is in the earliest stages and could still be averted, is an early sign of a shake-out that may come to the city's downtown office market in the fallout from COVID-19. Companies need less space as employees spend more time working at home. Uncertainty about the future of office leasing extends well beyond Hartford to markets large and small across the country, experts say. Ben Schlossberg, managing member at Shelbourne, said Monday that tenants are downsizing office space leases not only at 20 Church but at other marquee towers downtown, as a result of the emerging hybrid workplace era. The "Upward Hartford" innovation space remains a major tenant, but was shut down during the worst of the pandemic. "Shelbourne has been and continues to work diligently with our lenders and our servicers to find a solution and resolve this issue," Schlossberg said. "We're very confident that we will be able to stabilize and strengthen this asset." Schlossberg said he expected a resolution on refinancing the loan "relatively soon." "Shelbourne remains fully

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20 Church St., also known as the "Stilts Building," in downtown Hartford. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

A woman fills plastic bottles provided by an Odesa volunteer group Monday in Mykolaiv, Ukraine. **EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP**



US pledges \$1B more in aid

Zelenskyy expresses thanks for new offer of rockets and ammo

By Lolita C. Baldor and Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration said Monday that it was shipping its biggest yet direct delivery of weapons to Ukraine as that country prepares for a poten-

tially decisive counteroffensive in the south against Russia, sending \$1 billion in rockets, ammunition and other material to Ukraine from Defense Department stockpiles. The new U.S. arms shipment would further strengthen Ukraine as it mounts the counteroffensive, which analysts say for the first time could allow Kyiv to shape the course of the rest of the war, now

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Police ID Hartford woman, 29, shot to death in her home

Police have identified a woman who was killed in a shooting Saturday night as a 29-year-old Hartford woman. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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the Strategic Petroleum Reserve that, with coordinated releases from international partners, shaved 40 cents a gallon, according to the administration.

Michael Fox, executive director of the Gasoline and Automotive Service Dealers of America, said prices are trending down. But he believes demand will outstrip supply, ruling out lower prices over the long term.

With demand rising due to summer travel and vacationers on the move, he said he's surprised prices are dropping.

"Production is up, but it's not keeping up with demand," Fox said. "It's eating into inventories."

Connecticut motorists are benefiting

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— Michael Fox, executive director of the Gasoline and Automotive Service Dealers of America

from the suspension of the state's 25-cent-a-gallon excise tax. It expires Nov. 30, three weeks after Election Day.

The state also adopted a fare-free bus program on April 1 and expires Dec. 1, though the state is considering extending it.

Nationally, gas prices have fallen eight consecutive weeks, according to GasBuddy data from about 11 million price reports covering more than 150,000 stations. The price has declined 15.8 cents from a week ago to \$4.01 per gallon Monday.

That's down 68.7 cents from a month ago

but 83.6 cents higher than in 2021.

Oil was trading Monday at about \$90 a barrel, down more than 25% from March, shortly after the start of Russia's war against Ukraine.

Oil prices are at their lowest level since Russia invaded Ukraine "and could continue to see pressure from a slowing global economy, which is likely to erode demand for oil," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

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committed to Hartford and all the other various projects that we are currently working on and involved with," Schlossberg said.

The court documents show the remaining balance on the 20 Church loan, dating back to 2013, is about \$26 million. The loan matures in April 2023, the documents show.

Schlossberg said Shelbourne had flagged troubles at 20 Church for its lenders months ago, but the loan had to enter the foreclosure process.

Schlossberg estimated the vacancy of the 420,000 square foot tower, at the corner of Church and Main, with its 2-story lobby, to be under 20%. Shelbourne is aggressively moving to lease, with one tenant — new to downtown — signed Monday and advanced talks under way with two others. He declined to identify the tenants Monday.

20 Church was Shelbourne's first acquisition in downtown Hartford in 2014. Since then, the real estate investment company has acquired nearly all of the north side of historic Pratt Street, 100 Pearl St. and partnered on a purchase of One Financial Center, the "Gold Building."

Shelbourne also has emerged as a major developer in Hartford as part of a partnership redeveloping former office space on the upper floors on Pratt into apartments and is now pursuing converting part of the Fuller Brush factory into rentals in the North End.

Both those projects involve millions of dollars in state taxpayer-backed loans from the Capital Region Development Authority that have been committed to them. Less than two weeks ago, the State Bond Commission approved \$5.5 million for the factory project.

Both Schlossberg and CRDA said Monday whatever the outcome of efforts to refinance the loan on 20 Church, it is a separate and legally distinct entity that's in its own "LLC."

"As such, other Shelbourne related partnerships such as Pratt Street or the future undertaking at Fuller Brush are not directly impacted by what may happen at 20 Church," Michael W. Freimuth, CRDA's executive director, said, in an email.

The commercial real estate woes are primarily focused on office and not apartments, Freimuth said.

Schlossberg pointed to strong retail leasing along Pratt Street and robust interest in apartments that will become available this fall.

"I won't tell you the office leasing in the city is great right now, it's not," Schlossberg said. "But we think our building competes well. As the effects of COVID start to wane a bit, the office market is going to come back."

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tive, high-interest primaries with candidates like Democrats Ned Lamont and Dannel P. Malloy and Republicans like Tom Foley and Bob Stefanowski.

This year, Republicans Themis Klarides of Madison, Leora Levy of Greenwich and Peter Lumaj of Fairfield are battling for U.S. Senate, but there is no Senate primary on the Democratic side.

"There is no top of the ticket dragging people out to vote," Merrill said.

A third potential factor, particularly for the elderly, is the ongoing COVID pandemic.

"There are still a lot of people who don't want to go to the polls because of COVID," Merrill said. "We forget about that."

Overall, 803,612 registered Democrats are eligible to vote Tuesday, as well as 455,735 Republicans, according to the latest numbers from the secretary of the state's office.

In November, 2.2 million voters will be eligible from more than 25 different political parties, including more than 20 lesser-known parties that have fewer than 30 registered voters each.

Regarding the weather, Lamont has extended the state's extreme hot weather protocol until 8 p.m. on primary night.

The protocol was originally scheduled to expire at 8 a.m. Tuesday, but the updated forecast pushed it back.

The National Weather Service is now calling for the heat index to be near 100 degrees Tuesday with temperatures in the mid-90s.

"This is becoming a long-duration weather event as it appears this heat wave is going to continue for an eighth day," Lamont said.

The primary races include:

In the three-way battle for state treasurer, Democrats will choose between attorney Erick A. Russell of New Haven, Greenwich



Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, who has been at the forefront of expanding voting access in Connecticut, leaves the lectern after a news conference in which she announced that she would not seek a third term. **COURANT FILE**

hedge fund trader Dita Barghava and New Haven housing authority executive director Karen Dubois-Walton.

For secretary of the state, Democrats will choose between state Rep. Stephanie Thomas of Norwalk and New Haven public health director Maritza Bond.

Besides the U.S. Senate race, Republicans will cast ballots for longtime sales executive Dominic Rapini of Branford or state Rep. Terrie E. Wood of Darien for secretary of the state.

In Simsbury, Democrats Eric Well-

man and Melissa Osborne are battling in a primary to fill the seat of outgoing state Rep. John Hampton, who did not seek reelection.

The winner will run against Republican Mike Paine in the November general election.

In West Haven, state Rep. Trennee McGee is running against challenger Joe Miller in the Democratic primary.

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Monday, August 8

PLAY3 DAY

6 6 0 WB: 6

PLAY4 DAY

4 4 2 1 WB: 4

The late lotto numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

SUNDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT

7 4 1 WB: 3

PLAY4 NIGHT

6 4 1 7 WB: 8

CASH 5

5 14 21 25 31

LUCKY FOR LIFE

7 12 31 37 44 LB: 1

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Former President Donald Trump, shown Saturday in Dallas, was reportedly not home at the time of the FBI raid. **GETTY**

Trump: FBI conducts search of Mar-a-Lago

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former President Donald Trump said in a lengthy statement Monday that the FBI was conducting a search of his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida and asserted that agents had broken open a safe. The circumstances of the search were not clear, though the Justice Department has been actively investigating the discovery

of classified information in boxes of records that were taken to Trump's Florida residence after he left the White House. The action marks an escalation in law enforcement scrutiny of Trump and comes as he has been laying the groundwork to make another bid for president. "After working and cooperating with the relevant Government agencies, this unannounced raid on my home was not necessary or appropriate," Trump said in

his statement. Justice Department spokesperson Dena Iverson declined to comment on the search. The discovery of classified information at Mar-a-Lago was referred to the DOJ by the National Archives and Records Administration, which said it had found classified material in 15 boxes at the residence. Federal law bars the removal of classified documents to unauthorized locations, though it is possi-

ble that Trump could try to argue that, as president, he was the ultimate declassification authority. There are multiple statutes governing classified information, including a law punishable by up to five years in prison that makes it a crime to remove such records and retain them at an unauthorized location. Another statute makes it a crime to mishandle classified records either intentionally or in a grossly negligent manner.

Republicans try to adjust to abortion backlash

Stance on bans gets softer for some in wake of Kansas vote

By Jonathan Weisman and Katie Glueck
The New York Times

Republican candidates, facing a stark reality check from Kansas voters, are softening their once-uncompromising stands against abortion as they move toward the general election, recognizing that strict bans are unpopular and that the issue may be a major driver in the fall campaigns.

In swing states and even conservative corners of the country, several Republicans have shifted their talk on abortion bans, newly emphasizing support for exceptions. Some have noticeably stopped discussing details at all.

Pitched battles in Republican-dominated state legislatures have broken out now that the Supreme Court has made what has long been a theoretical argument a reality.

In Pennsylvania, Doug Mastriano, the Republicans' ardently anti-abortion candidate for governor, has lately taken to saying "the people of Pennsylvania" will "decide what abortion looks like" in the state, not the governor. In Minnesota, Scott Jensen, a family physician who said in March that he would "try to ban abortion" as governor, said in a video released before the Kansas vote that he does support some exceptions: "If I've been unclear previously, I want to be clear now."

Republican consultants for Senate and House campaigns said Thursday that while they still believe inflation and the economy will drive voters to the GOP, candidates are going to have to talk about abortion to blunt Democratic attacks that the party's position is extreme. They have started advising Republicans to endorse bans that allow



Supporters of the Kansas abortion referendum monitor results Aug. 2 in Overland Park. After the measure's defeat, some GOP candidates are softening their once-uncompromising stands against abortion. **CHRISTOPHER SMITH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

exceptions for pregnancies from rape or incest or those that threaten the life of the mother. They have told candidates to emphasize care for women during and after their pregnancies.

"If we are going to ban abortion, there are things we've got to do to make sure the need for abortion is reduced and that women are not endangered," said Rep. Nancy Mace, R-S.C., who won an exemption for rape and incest in her state's abortion law as a state representative. Now, she says Republicans need to press to expand access to gynecological and obstetrics care, contraception, including emergency contraception, and even protect the right of women to leave their states to get an abortion without fear of prosecution.

The recalibration for some began before voters of deeply Republican Kansas voted overwhelmingly Tuesday against removing abortion rights from the state's constitution.

Since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, retracting the constitutional right to the procedure, many Republicans were slow to detail what would come next.

As they rush to enact long-promised laws, Republican-led legislatures have learned how difficult banning abortion can be.

"Not just the pro-choice movement but the pro-life movement was caught by surprise" by the Supreme Court, said Brandon Steele, a West Virginia delegate who pressed for an abortion ban without exceptions in a special session of the Legislature that ended last week with the GOP supermajority stymied. "Without having the talking points, without being told what to do, legislators had to start saying what they were actually going to do. You could see the confusion in the room."

"We're finding out who is really pro-life and who is pro-life only to get elected, not just in West Virginia but

across the country," Steele said.

For months, Republicans have maintained that abortion rights would be a footnote in a midterm campaign driven by the worst inflation in 40 years, crime, immigration and a Democratic president whose approval ratings are mired around 40%.

That is still the public line, even after the Kansas referendum, where voters faced a single issue, not the multiplicity of factors they will be considering in November.

But the reality on the campaign trail is different. Sarah Longwell, a Republican pollster, said in her focus groups that swing voters do bring up inflation and the economy when asked what issues are on their minds. But when prompted to discuss abortion, real passion flares. That indicates that if Democrats can prosecute a campaign to keep the issue front and center, they will find an audience, she said.

Mace agreed, saying that

abortion is rising fast and the GOP must respond.

The Kansas vote implies that around 65% of voters nationwide would reject rolling back abortion rights, including a majority in more than 40 of the 50 states, according to a New York Times analysis.

Republicans believe their party can grab the mantle of moderation from Democrats, in part by conveying empathy toward pregnant women and offering exemptions to abortion bans, and casting Democrats as the extremists on regulating abortion.

If Democrats insist on making abortion the centerpiece of their campaigns, they argue, they risk looking out of touch with voters in an uncertain economy.

But Republicans who moderate their views must still contend with a core base of support that remains staunchly anti-abortion. Opponents of abortion said Thursday that Republican candidates should not read

too much into the Kansas vote, a single-issue referendum with language that was criticized by voters on both sides as confusing.

"Regardless of what the consultant class is telling the candidates, they would be wise to recognize that the right-to-life community is an important constituency and an important demographic of voters," warned Penny Nance, chief executive and president of Concerned Women for America, a conservative organization that opposes abortion rights.

After the Kansas vote, Democrats stepped up efforts to squeeze their opponents between a conservative base eager for quick action to ban all abortions and a broader electorate that wants no such thing.

Rep. Elaine Luria, a moderate Democrat running in a Republican-leaning district in southeastern Virginia, released a new advertisement against her Republican opponent, Jen Kiggans, painting her as "too extreme" on abortion. Luria had initially said she would campaign on her work for the district and her support for the Navy, a big force in the region, but the landscape has shifted.

Kiggans' campaign did not respond to a request for comment.

For Republicans, one problem might be the extensive trail on the issue they left during the primary season.

In May, Mastriano was unequivocal in Pennsylvania as he courted GOP primary voters: "That baby deserves a right to life whether it is conceived in incest or rape or there are concerns otherwise for the mom."

Last month, he said it was not up to him.

"You decide on exceptions. You decide on how early. And that's in the hands of the people," he said on Philadelphia talk radio. "That's a fact. That's not a dodge."

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at the half-year mark.

Kyiv aims to push Russian troops back out of Kherson and other southern territory near the Dnipro River. Russia in recent days was moving troops and equipment in the direction of the southern port cities to stave off the Ukrainian counteroffensive.

"At every stage of this conflict, we have been focused on getting the Ukrainians what they need, depending on the evolving conditions on the battlefield," Colin Kahl, undersecretary of defense for policy, said Monday in announcing the new weapons shipment.

The new U.S. aid includes additional rockets for the High Mobility Artillery

Rocket Systems, or HIMARS, as well as thousands of artillery rounds, mortar systems, Javelins and other ammunition and equipment. Military commanders and other U.S. officials say the HIMARS and artillery systems have been crucial in Ukraine's fight to block Russia from taking more ground.

While the U.S. has already provided 16 HIMARS to Ukraine, Kahl said the new package does not include additional ones.

"These are not systems that we assess you need in the hundreds to have the type of effects" needed, Kahl said. "These are precision-guided systems for very particular types of targets and the Ukrainians are using them as such."

He declined to say how many of the precision-guided missile systems for the

HIMARS were included in Monday's announcement, but said the U.S. has provided "multiple hundreds" of them in recent weeks.

The latest announcement brings the total U.S. security assistance committed to Ukraine by the Biden administration to more than \$9 billion.

In his nightly video address, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked the United States for the package, and said "100% of it we will use to protect freedom, our common freedom."

Until now, the largest single security assistance package announcement was for \$1 billion on June 15. But that aid included \$350 million in presidential drawdown authority, and another \$650 million under the Ukraine Security

Assistance Initiative, which provides funding for training, equipment and other security needs that can be bought from other countries or companies.

Monday's package allows the U.S. to deliver weapons systems and other equipment more quickly since it takes them off the Defense Department shelves.

In addition to the rockets for the HIMARS, it includes 75,000 rounds of 155mm artillery, 20 mortar systems and 20,000 rounds for them, 1,000 shoulder-mounted Javelin rockets, and other arms, explosives and medical equipment.

For the last four months of the war, Russia has concentrated on capturing the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine, where pro-Moscow separatists have controlled some territory as self-pro-

claimed republics for eight years. Russian forces have made gradual headway in the region while launching attacks to curtail the movements of Ukrainian fighters elsewhere.

Kahl estimated that Russian forces have sustained up to 80,000 deaths and injuries in the fighting, though he did not break down the figure with an estimate of forces killed.

He said the Russian troops have managed to gain "incremental" ground in eastern Ukraine, although not in recent weeks. "But that has come at extraordinary cost to the Russian military because of how well the Ukrainian military has performed and all the assistance that the Ukrainian military has gotten. And I think now, conditions in the east have essentially stabi-

lized and the focus is really shifting to the south."

The new funding is being paid for through \$40 billion in economic and security aid for Ukraine approved by Congress in May.

This is the 18th time the Pentagon has provided equipment from Defense Department stocks to Ukraine since August 2021.

The U.S. and allies still are evaluating whether to supply aircraft to Ukraine, Kahl said. It's "not inconceivable that Western aircraft down the road could be part of the mix," he said.

Separately Monday, the Treasury Department said it was sending \$3 billion more in direct economic assistance to Ukraine. That's part of a previously approved \$7.5 billion in economic assistance, with \$1.5 billion yet to be disbursed.



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2 more life sentences in Arbery case

Judge gives 3rd man 35 years in prison for federal hate crime

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — The white father and son convicted of murder in Ahmaud Arbery’s fatal shooting after they chased the 25-year-old Black man through a Georgia neighborhood were sentenced Monday to life in prison for committing a federal hate crime.

U.S. District Court Judge Lisa Godbey Wood handed down the sentences against Travis McMichael, 36, and his father, Greg McMichael, 66, reiterating the gravity of the February 2020 killing that shattered their Brunswick community. William “Roddie” Bryan, 52, who recorded cellphone video of the slaying, was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

“A young man is dead. Ahmaud Arbery will be forever 25. And what happened, a jury found, happened because he’s Black,” Wood said.

The McMichaels were previously sentenced to life without parole in state court for Arbery’s murder and had asked the judge to divert them to a federal prison to serve their sentences, saying they were worried about their safety in the state prison system. Bryan had sought to serve his federal sentence first. Wood declined all three requests.

The sentences imposed Monday brought an end to more than two years of criminal proceedings against the men responsible for Arbery’s slaying, which along with the murder of George Floyd



Ahmaud Arbery’s parents — Marcus Arbery, left, and Wanda Cooper-Jones — are accompanied by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, third from left, and attorney Lee Merritt, far right, outside the federal court building Monday in Brunswick, Ga. LEWIS M. LEVINE/AP

in Minneapolis and fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor in Kentucky fueled a wave of protests across the country against the killings of unarmed Black people.

In February, a federal jury convicted the McMichaels and Bryan of violating Arbery’s civil rights, concluding they targeted him because of his race.

All three were also found guilty of attempted kidnapping, and the McMichaels were convicted of using guns in the commission of a violent crime.

The McMichaels armed themselves with guns and used a pickup truck to chase Arbery after he jogged past

their home on Feb. 23, 2020. Bryan, a neighbor, joined the pursuit in his own truck and recorded cellphone video of Travis McMichael shooting Arbery at close range with a shotgun. The McMichaels told police they suspected Arbery was a burglar, but investigators determined he was unarmed and had committed no crimes. “I’m very thankful,” Arbery’s mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, told reporters outside the courthouse after all three sentences had been imposed. “It’s been a long fight. I’m so thankful God gave us the strength to continue to fight.”

In court, Greg McMi-

chael addressed the Arbery family, saying their loss was “beyond description.”

“I’m sure my words mean very little to you, but I want to assure you I never wanted any of this to happen,” he said. “There was no malice in my heart or my son’s heart that day.”

Bryan said he was sorry for what happened.

“I never intended any harm to (Arbery), and I never would have played any role in what happened if I knew then what I know now,” he said.

In giving Bryan a lower sentence, Wood noted he had not brought a gun to the pursuit of Arbery and

preserved his cellphone video, which was crucial to the prosecutions.

Travis McMichael declined to address the court, but his attorney, Amy Lee Copeland, said a lighter sentence would be more consistent with what similarly charged defendants have received in other cases, noting that the officer who killed Floyd in Minneapolis, Derek Chauvin, got 21 years in prison for violating Floyd’s civil rights, though he was not charged with targeting Floyd because of his race.

Greg McMichael’s attorney, A.J. Balbo, also cited the Chauvin sentence as well as

his client’s age and health problems, which he said include a stroke.

During the February hate crimes trial, prosecutors fortified their case that Arbery’s killing was motivated by racism by showing the jury roughly two dozen text messages and social media posts in which Travis McMichael and Bryan used racist slurs and made disparaging comments about Black people.

“The evidence we presented at trial proved ... what so many people felt in their hearts when they watched the video of Ahmaud’s tragic and unnecessary death: This would have never happened if he had been white,” prosecutor Christopher Perras said Monday.

A state Superior Court judge imposed life sentences for the McMichaels and Bryan, with both McMichaels denied any chance of parole.

Because they were first charged and convicted of murder in a state court, protocol would have turned them over to the Georgia Department of Corrections to serve their life terms in a state prison.

Copeland said during Monday’s hearing for Travis McMichael that her client has received hundreds of threats that he will be killed as soon as he arrives in prison and that his photo has circulated among inmates using illegal phones.

Arbery’s father, Marcus Arbery, said Travis McMichael had shown his son no mercy and deserved to “rot” in state prison.

“You killed him because he was a Black man and you hate Black people,” he said. “You deserve no mercy.”

Biden assures Kentucky of help as long as it takes

Flooding death toll expected to climb, Gov. Beshear says

By Seung Min Kim,
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Associated Press

LOST CREEK, Ky. — President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden on Monday witnessed the damage from deadly and devastating storms that have resulted in the worst flooding in Kentucky’s history, as they visited the state to meet with families and first responders.

At least 37 people have died since last month’s deluge, which dropped 8 to 10 ½ inches of rain in only 48 hours. Gov. Andy Beshear told Biden that authorities expect to add at least one other death to the total.

The National Weather Service said Sunday that flooding remains a threat, warning of more thunderstorms through Thursday.

Biden said the nation has an obligation to help all its people, declaring the federal government would provide support until residents were back on their feet. Behind him as he spoke was a single-story house that the storm had dislodged and then left

littered on the ground, tilted sideways.

“We have the capacity to do this — it’s not like it’s beyond our control,” Biden said. “We’re staying until everybody’s back to where they were.”

In the summer heat and humidity, Biden’s button-down shirt was covered in sweat. Pacing with a microphone in his hand, he eschewed formal remarks as he pledged to return once the community was rebuilt.

“The bad news for you is I’m coming back because I want to see it,” the president said.

The Bidens were greeted warmly by Beshear and his wife, Britainy, when they arrived in eastern Kentucky. They immediately drove to see devastation from the storms in Breathitt County, stopping at the site of where a school bus, carried by floodwaters, was crashed into a partially collapsed building.

Beshear said the flooding was “unlike anything we’ve ever seen” in the state and credited Biden with swiftly approving federal assistance.

He praised responders who “have moved heaven and earth to get where we are, what, about nine days from when this hit,” he said.

Attending a briefing on the flooding’s impact with first responders and recovery specialists at Marie Roberts Elementary School in Lost Creek, Biden told a delegation of Kentucky leaders that he would do whatever was necessary to help.

“I promise you, if it’s legal, we’ll do it,” he said. “And if it’s not legal, we’ll figure out how to change the law.”

The president emphasized that politics have no place in disaster response, noting his frequent political battles with Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

“We battle all the times on issues,” Biden said, but in helping Kentuckians rebuild, “we’re all one team.”

Monday’s trip is Biden’s second to the state since taking office last year. He previously visited in December after tornadoes whipped through Kentucky, killing 77 people and leaving a trail of destruction.

“I wish I could tell you why we keep getting hit here in Kentucky,” Beshear said recently. “I wish I could tell you why areas where people may not have much continue to get hit and lose everything. I can’t give you the why, but I know what we do in response to it. And the answer is everything we can.



President Biden on Monday surveys a neighborhood damaged by last month’s deadly flooding in Lost Creek, Ky. Biden has expanded federal disaster assistance to the state. EVAN VUCCI/AP

These are our people. Let’s make sure we help them out.”

Biden has expanded federal disaster assistance to Kentucky, ensuring the federal government will cover the full cost of debris removal and other emergency measures.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided more than \$3.1 million in relief funds, and hundreds of rescue personnel have been deployed to help.

“The floods in Kentucky and extreme weather all around the country are yet another reminder of the intensifying and accelerating impacts of climate change and the urgent need to invest in making our communities more resilient to it,” she said.

The flooding came one month after Beshear visited Mayfield to celebrate the completion of the first houses to be fully constructed since a tornado nearly wiped out the town. Three families were handed keys to their new homes that

day, and the governor in his remarks hearkened back to a visit he had made in the immediate aftermath.

Now more disasters are testing the state.

Beshear has been to eastern Kentucky as many times as weather permitted since the flooding began. He’s had daily news conferences in order to provide details and a full range of assistance for victims.

A Democrat, Beshear narrowly defeated a Republican incumbent in 2019, and he’s seeking a second term in 2023.

Trump asked why his generals couldn’t be more like Hitler’s, book says

By Michael D. Shear
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Former President Donald Trump told his top White House aide that he wished he had generals like the ones who had reported to German dictator Adolf Hitler, saying they were “totally loyal” to the leader of the Nazi regime, according to a forthcoming book about the 45th president.

“Why can’t you be like the German generals?” Trump

asked John Kelly, his chief of staff, according to an excerpt from “The Divider: Trump in the White House,” by Peter Baker and Susan Glasser, published online by The New Yorker on Monday.

The excerpt depicts Trump as frustrated by his top military officials, whom he saw as insufficiently loyal or obedient to him.

In the conversation with Kelly, which took place



Trump

years before the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, the authors write, the chief of staff told Trump that Germany’s generals had “tried to kill Hitler three times and almost pulled it off.”

Trump was dismissive, according to the excerpt, apparently unaware of the World War II history that Kelly, a retired four-star general, knew.

“No, no, no, they were

totally loyal to him,” Trump replied,” according to the book’s authors.

Much of the excerpt focuses on Gen. Mark Milley, who served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the country’s top military official, under Trump. When the president offered him the job, Milley told him, “I’ll do whatever you ask me to do.”

But he quickly soured on Trump.

Milley’s frustration with Trump peaked June 1, 2020,

when Black Lives Matter protesters filled Lafayette Square near the White House. Trump demanded to send in the military to clear the protesters, but Milley and other top aides refused.

In response, Trump shouted, “You are all losers!” according to the excerpt. “Turning to Milley, Trump said, ‘Can’t you just shoot them? Just shoot them in the legs or something?’” the authors write.

A week after that episode, Milley wrote — but never

delivered — a resignation letter, accusing the president he served of politicizing the military, “ruining the international order,” failing to value diversity, and embracing the tyranny, dictatorship and extremism that members of the military had sworn to fight against.

Milley eventually decided to stay in office so he could ensure that the military could serve as a bulwark against an increasingly out-of-control president, according to the authors.

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DAVID MCCULLOUGH 1933-2022

Pulitzer-winning historian a tireless student of the past

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — David McCullough, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author whose lovingly crafted narratives on subjects ranging from the Brooklyn Bridge to Presidents John Adams and Harry Truman made him among the most popular and influential historians of his time, died Sunday. He was 89.

McCullough died in Hingham, Massachusetts, according to his publisher, Simon & Schuster. He died less than two months after his beloved wife, Rosalee.

A tireless student of the past, McCullough dedicated himself to sharing his own passion for history with the general public.

He saw himself as an everyman blessed with lifelong curiosity and the chance to take on the subjects he cared most about.

His fascination with architecture and construction inspired his early works on the Panama Canal and the Brooklyn Bridge, while his admiration for leaders whom he believed were good men drew him to Adams and Truman.

In his 70s and 80s, he indulged his affection for Paris with the 2011 release “The Greater Journey” and for aviation with a bestseller on the Wright Brothers that came out in 2015.

Beyond his books, the handsome, white-haired McCullough may have had the most recognizable presence of any historian, his fatherly baritone known to fans of PBS’ “The American Experience” and Ken Burns’ epic “Civil War” documentary. “Hamilton” author Ron Chernow once called McCullough “both the name and the voice of American history.”



David McCullough’s books made him among the most popular and influential historians of his time. He died Sunday in Hingham, Massachusetts. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP 2011

McCullough’s celebrations of the American past also led to the toughest criticism against him — that affection turned too easily to romanticization. His 2019 book “The Pioneers” was faulted for minimizing the atrocities committed against Native Americans as 19th century settlers moved westward. In earlier works, he was accused of avoiding the harder truths about Truman, Adams and others and of placing storytelling above analysis.

McCullough received the National Book Award for “The Path Between the Seas,” about the building of the Panama Canal; and for “Mornings on Horseback,” a biography of Theodore Roosevelt; and Pulitzers for “Truman,” in 1992, and for “John Adams” in 2002. “The Great Bridge,” a lengthy exploration of the Brooklyn Bridge’s construction, was ranked No. 48 on the Modern Library’s list of the best 100 nonfiction works of the 20th century and is still widely regarded as the

definitive text of the great 19th century project.

McCullough, whose father and grandfather founded the McCullough Electric Company, was born in Pittsburgh on July 7, 1933.

He majored in English at Yale University and met playwright Thornton Wilder, who encouraged the young student to write.

McCullough worked at the United States Information Agency, Sports Illustrated and the American Heritage Publishing Company before deciding that he wanted to try a book about an event that took place in his home state in 1889 — the Johnstown Flood, which killed more than 2,000.

McCullough researched the book in his spare time, and pleaded in vain with Little, Brown and Company to publish him.

He ended up with Simon & Schuster, which released the book in 1968 — for an advance of \$5,000 — and remained his publisher for the rest of his career.

OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN 1948-2022

Grammy-winning superstar stole hearts in film ‘Grease’

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Olivia Newton-John, the Grammy-winning superstar who reigned on pop, country, adult contemporary and dance charts with such hits as “Physical” and “You’re the One That I Want” and won countless hearts as everyone’s favorite Sandy in the blockbuster film version of “Grease,” died Monday. She was 73.

Newton-John, a longtime resident of Australia whose sales topped 100 million albums, died at her southern California ranch, John Easterling, her husband, wrote on Instagram and Facebook.

“Olivia has been a symbol of triumphs and hope for over 30 years sharing her journey with breast cancer,” he wrote. “We ask that everyone please respect the family’s privacy during this very difficult time.”

From 1973 to 1983, Newton-John was among the world’s most popular entertainers. She had 14 top 10 singles just in the U.S., won four Grammys, starred with John Travolta in “Grease” and with Gene Kelly in “Xanadu.” The fast-stepping Travolta-Newton-John duet, “You’re the One That I Want,” was one of the era’s biggest songs and has sold more than 15 million copies.

“My dearest Olivia, you made all of our lives so much better,” Travolta wrote in an online post. “Your impact was incredible. I love you so much. We will see you down the road and we will all be together again. Yours from the moment I saw you and forever! Your Danny, your John!”

“Physical,” the bouncy, R-rated smash released in 1981, was No. 1 for 10 weeks and was named Billboard’s



Australian pop singer Olivia Newton-John poses in 1982 in Los Angeles. Newton-John, a longtime resident of Australia, enjoyed sales topping 100 million albums. REED SAXON/AP

song of the year despite being banned by some radio stations. An aerobics-friendly promotional clip, filmed in the early years of MTV, won a Grammy for best video.

During those years, she reinvented herself. Newton-John initially favored pop-country songs such as “Please Mr. Please” and “Have You Never Been Mellow” and ballads like “I Honestly Love You,” which in 1975 won Grammys for best female pop vocal and record of the year.

But she picked up the tempo in “Grease,” especially after Sandy ditched her white sweaters and blouses for waist-high, black leather pants. “Physical” even made Newton-John blush as she told her would-be lover “There’s nothing left to talk about/ Unless it’s horizontally” and finally called out “Let’s get animal! Animal!”

She had a few hits after “Physical,” but her career declined.

In 1992, as she was preparing a concert tour,

her father died and she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her marriage to actor Matt Lattanzi, with whom she had a daughter, actor-singer Chloe Lattanzi, broke up in 1995.

Newton-John married John Easterling, founder of the Amazon Herb Company, in 2008. She was involved in numerous charitable causes, serving as goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Environment Programme and as national spokeswoman for the Children’s Health Environmental Coalition. She also founded the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre in Melbourne, Australia.

Born Sept. 26, 1948, Newton-John was the daughter of German literature professor Brin Newton-John and Irene Bron, whose father was Nobel Prize-winning physicist Max Bron. The Newton-Johns moved to Australia when Olivia was 5, but she returned to England in her teens and lived with her mother after her parents broke up.



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It’s open season on gun laws in US

Rights activists bring cases before courts after justices’ ruling

By **Lindsay Whitehurst and Alanna Durkin Richer**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruling expanding gun rights threatens to upend firearms restrictions across the country as activists wage court battles over everything from bans on AR-15-style guns to age limits.

The decision handed down in June already has led one judge to temporarily block a Colorado town from enforcing a ban on the sale and possession of certain semi-automatic weapons.

The first major gun decision in more than a decade, the ruling could dramatically reshape gun laws in the U.S. even as a series of horrific mass shootings pushes the issue back into the headlines.

“The gun rights movement has been given a weapon of mass destruction, and it will annihilate approximately 75% of the gun laws eventually,” said Evan Nappen, a New Jersey gun rights attorney.

The court battles come as the Biden administration and police departments across the U.S. struggle to combat a surge in violent crime and mass shootings, including several high-profile killings carried out by suspects who purchased their guns legally.

And given the number of cases working through the courts, more time will be spent in courtrooms no matter who wins.

“We will see a lot of tax dollars and government resources that should be used to stop gun crime being used to defend gun laws that are lifesaving and wildly popular,” said Jonathan Lowy, chief counsel and vice president at Brady, the gun control group.



A Supreme Court ruling handed down in June is threatening firearms restrictions across the country. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP**

Congress broke through years of deadlock to pass a modest gun violence prevention package weeks ago, and the House voted to renew a ban on high-powered semi-automatic weapons, though that effort is likely doomed in the Senate as Republicans push back on firearms restrictions and say recent spikes in gun violence should be met with a stepped-up police response.

The Supreme Court decision struck down a 1913 New York law requiring people to demonstrate a particular need to get a license to carry a concealed gun in public, saying it violates Second Amendment rights. Several other states including California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Rhode Island have similar laws expected to be directly impacted by the ruling.

In Massachusetts, police chiefs can no longer deny or impose restrictions on

licenses just because the applicant doesn’t have a “good reason” to carry a gun. New York quickly passed a new concealed-weapon law, but Republicans there predict it will also end up being overturned.

In its New York ruling, the high court’s conservative majority also changed a test lower courts had used for evaluating challenges to gun laws.

Judges should no longer consider whether the law serves public interests like enhancing public safety, the opinion authored by Justice Clarence Thomas said. Instead, they should only weigh whether the law is “consistent with the Second Amendment’s text and historical understanding.”

“Basically, the Supreme Court has given an invitation for the gun lobby to file lawsuits against virtually every gun law in America,” Lowy said.

The Supreme Court has

ordered lower courts to take another look at several other cases under the court’s new test. Among them: laws in California and New Jersey that limit the amount of ammunition a gun magazine can hold and a 2013 ban on “assault weapons” in Maryland.

Gun rights groups are challenging similar bans in California, New York, New Jersey and Delaware.

“The rifles at issue in this case are the sorts of bearable arms in common use for lawful purposes that responsible and peaceable people across the United States possess by the millions. And they are, moreover, exactly what they would bring to service in militia duty, should such be necessary,” a New Jersey lawsuit brought in June by the Firearms Policy Coalition says, referencing the language of the Second Amendment.

The ruling also has come up in challenges to restrictions on gun possession

for 18- to 20-year-olds in Texas and Pennsylvania. And it has been cited in a case challenging a federal ban on gun possession for people convicted of nonviolent crimes punishable by more than a year behind bars, as well as a prohibition on concealed guns on the subway in Washington, D.C.

In addition, a gun rights group is suing Colorado over the state’s 2013 ban on magazines that hold more than 15 rounds, saying the high court ruling reinforces the group’s argument that it infringes on Second Amendment rights. And the ruling has public defenders in New York City asking judges to drop gun possession cases.

Not all those lawsuits will necessarily be successful. The Texas attorney general, for example, argues the Supreme Court ruling doesn’t affect the state’s age limit law, and more state and local governments can certainly defend their gun laws as being in line with

U.S. history.

Adam Skaggs, chief counsel and policy director at the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, predicted that only laws “along the margins” will eventually be struck down.

“Most judges are going to see these for what they are, which is overreaching and lacking in any merit,” he said.

Backers of gun restrictions can also look to a concurring opinion from Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Joined by Chief Justice John Roberts, Kavanaugh stressed that the Second Amendment does allow for a “variety” of gun regulations. He cited the use of background checks and mental health records as part of a licensing process to carry a gun and noted that states can forbid the carrying of firearms in “sensitive places” such as schools and government buildings.

But the Colorado decision handed down last month was a rosy sign for gun rights groups.

U.S. District Court Judge Raymond Moore, nominated by President Barack Obama, said he was sympathetic to the town’s goal of preventing mass shootings like the one that killed 10 people last year at a grocery store in Boulder. But Moore said he didn’t know of “historical precedent” for a law banning “a type of weapon that is commonly used by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes,” so the gun rights groups have a strong case.

Encouraged by that decision, Taylor Rhodes, the executive director of the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, said his group was considering going after other gun measures in Colorado, where Democrats hold the majority in the state Legislature and the governor’s office.

Referring to the Supreme Court’s ruling, Rhodes said: “The Bruen decision gave us a 4-ton wrecking ball.”



People read newspapers Monday along a street in Beijing about China’s military exercises encircling Taiwan. The exercises have disrupted shipping and air traffic. **NOEL CELIS/GETTY-AFP**

China extends threatening military drills near Taiwan

Associated Press

BEIJING — China said Monday it is extending threatening military exercises surrounding Taiwan that have disrupted shipping and air traffic and substantially raised concerns about the potential for conflict in a region crucial to global trade.

The announcement further increases uncertainty in the crisis that developed last week with U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taiwan.

The exercises will include anti-submarine drills, apparently targeting U.S. support for Taiwan in the event of a potential Chinese invasion, according to social media posts from the eastern leadership of China’s ruling Communist Party’s military arm, the People’s Liberation Army.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory and its leader, Xi Jinping, has focused on bringing the self-governing island democracy under the mainland’s control, by force if necessary. The two sides split in 1949 after a civil war, but Beijing considers visits to Taiwan by foreign officials as recognizing its sovereignty.

Xi is seeking a third term

as Communist Party leader later this year. His control over the armed forces and what he has defined as China’s “core interests” — including Taiwan, territorial claims in the South China Sea and historic adversary Japan — are key to maintaining his nationalist credentials.

The military has said the exercises, involving missile strikes, warplanes and ship movements crossing the midline of the Taiwan Strait dividing the sides, are a response to Pelosi’s visit.

China has ignored calls to calm the tensions, and there was no immediate indication of when it would end what amounts to a blockade.

On Monday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said China would “firmly safeguard China’s sovereignty and territorial integrity, resolutely deter the U.S. from containing China with the Taiwan issue and resolutely shatter the Taiwan authorities’ illusion of relying on the U.S. for independence.”

Asked in Dover, Delaware, on Monday about China’s response to Pelosi’s visit, President Joe Biden said: “I’m not worried, but I’m concerned they’re

moving as much as they are. But I don’t think they’re going to do anything more than they are.”

China’s slowing economic growth, which has reduced options among migrant workers as well as college graduates, has raised the specter of social unrest.

The party has maintained its power through total control of the press and social media, along with suppression of political opponents, independent lawyers and activists working on issues from online free speech to LGBTQ rights.

Meanwhile, Taiwan’s official Central News Agency reported that Taiwan’s army will conduct live-fire artillery drills in southern Pingtung county on Tuesday and Thursday, in response to the Chinese exercises.

The drills will include snipers, and armored and combat vehicles as well as attack helicopters, said the report, which cited an anonymous source.

Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen has called on the international community to “support democratic Taiwan” and “halt any escalation of the regional security situation.”

Albuquerque police seek car in killings of 4 Muslim men

By **Stefanie Dazio and Mariam Fam**
Associated Press

Authorities on Monday identified the fourth victim in a series of killings of Muslim men in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the deaths sent ripples of fear through the Islamic community nationwide.

Three of the slayings happened in the past week. Now law enforcement officials are seeking help finding a vehicle believed to be connected to the killings in New Mexico’s largest city, where the common elements were the victims’ race and religion, officials said.

Naeem Hussain was killed Friday night, and ambush shootings killed three other Muslim men over the past nine months. Police are trying to determine if they are linked.

The killings have spread fear beyond New Mexico, where Muslims comprise less than 1% of adults in the statewide population of 2.1 million, according to Pew Research Center.

“The fact the suspect remains at large is terrifying,” Debbie Almontaser, a Muslim community leader in New York, wrote on Twitter. “Who is next?!”

In a phone interview, Almontaser said that a female friend who lives in Michigan and wears the hijab shared with her over the weekend just how rattled she was. “She’s like, ‘This is so terrifying. I’m so scared. I travel alone,’” Almontaser said.

Hussain, 25, was from Pakistan. His death came just days after those of Muhammad Afzaal Hussain, 27, and Aftab Hussein, 41, who were also from Pakistan and members of the same mosque.

The earliest case involves the November killing of Mohammad Ahmadi, 62, from Afghanistan.

Police said the same vehi-



Altaf Hussain cries over the grave of his brother Aftab Hussein last week at Fairview Memorial Park in Albuquerque, N.M. **CHANCEY BUSH/THE ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL**

cle is suspected of being used in all four homicides — a dark gray or silver four-door Volkswagen that appears to be a Jetta with dark tinted windows. Authorities released photos hoping people could help identify the car.

“We will bring this person or these persons to justice,” Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham said Sunday.

Investigators did not say what led them to suspect the car was involved in the slayings.

“We have a very, very strong link,” Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller said Sunday. “We have a vehicle of interest. We have got to find this vehicle.”

President Joe Biden said he was “angered and saddened” by the killings and that his administration “stands strongly with the Muslim community.”

“These hateful attacks have no place in America,” Biden said Sunday in a tweet.

The conversation about safety has also dominated WhatsApp groups and email groups that Almontaser is on.

“What we’ve seen happen in New Mexico is very chilling for us as a Muslim minority community in

the United States that has endured so much backlash and discrimination” since the 9/11 attacks, she said. “It’s frightening. It’s scary.”

Last year, a poll by Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research conducted for the 20th anniversary of 9/11 found 53% of Americans at the time had unfavorable views toward Islam, compared with 42% who had favorable ones. Albuquerque authorities say they cannot determine if the recent shootings were hate crimes until they have identified a suspect and a motive.

Even though two of the Albuquerque victims attended the same mosque, they were killed in separate shootings days apart.

The most recent victim was found dead after police received a call of a shooting. Authorities declined to say whether the killing was carried out in a way similar to the other deaths.

Muhammad Afzaal Hussain had worked as a field organizer for a local congresswoman’s campaign.

Rep. Melanie Stansbury issued a statement praising him as “one of the kindest and hardest working people” she has ever known.

WORLD&NATION

Iowa may lose Dems’ 1st-vote spot

Diversity mulled in party’s presidential nomination kickoff

By Will Weissert and Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democrats are poised to strip Iowa of its traditional leadoff spot in the presidential nominating calendar in 2024, part of a broader effort to better reflect the party’s deeply diverse electorate by allowing less overwhelmingly white states to vote first.

The Democratic National Committee’s rule-making arm had planned to recommend on Friday which states should be the first four to vote, while considering adding a fifth before Super Tuesday, when a large number of states hold primary elections. But it delayed the decision until after November’s election, lest it become a distraction affecting Democrats in key congressional races.

Still, the position of Iowa’s caucus remains precarious after technical glitches sparked a 2020 meltdown. More than a decade of complaints that caucus rules requiring in-person attendance serve to limit participation are reaching crescendo. That’s ignited a furious push for the No. 1 position between New Hampshire, which now goes second but traditionally kicks off primary voting, and Nevada, a heavily Hispanic state looking to jump from third to first.

“I fully expect that Iowa will be replaced,” said Julian Castro, a former San Antonio mayor and federal housing chief. “And that the primary calendar will be reordered to better reflect the diversity of the Democratic Party and of the country.”

Castro isn’t on the rules committee but has criticized Iowa being first since his 2019 presidential run.



Democrats may be poised to boot Iowa from the leadoff spot of their presidential nominating process in favor of a less overwhelmingly white state. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP 2020

A Democratic National Committee spokesperson said the rules committee “is conducting a thorough process” and will continue to “let it play out.”

Iowa has survived previous challenges and may do so again, especially given that the final decision won’t come for months. It argues that, aside from 2020, voters here have a strong track record launching the nomination process — and that its caucuses keep Democrats relevant amid the state’s recent shift to the right.

Iowa Democratic Party Chairman Ross Wilburn said he’d fight to ensure that nearly 50 years of tradition hold.

“When I became chair and we started this process, the word was ‘Iowa’s done,’” Wilburn told reporters Thursday. “But no decision has been made. No calendar has been presented to the committee. We are still in this fight.”

But many rules committee members privately said that the party is leaning

toward either New Hampshire or Nevada going first, or perhaps on the same day. They requested anonymity to more freely detail discussions that remain ongoing.

South Carolina, with its large bloc of Black Democrats, may move from fourth to third, freeing up a large Midwestern state to go next. Michigan and Minnesota are making strong cases, but both can’t move their primary dates without legislative approval, requiring support from Republicans.

If the committee adds a fifth early slot, that could go to Iowa to soften the blow.

Iowa has kicked off voting since 1976, when Jimmy Carter scored a caucus upset and grabbed enough momentum to eventually win the presidency. Since then, it’s been followed by New Hampshire, which has held the nation’s first primary since 1920. Nevada and South Carolina have gone next since the 2008 presidential election, when Democrats last did a major primary calendar overhaul.

Nevada has now scrapped its caucus in favor of a primary. During a recent presentation before rules committee members, its delegation showed a video arguing that “tradition is not a good enough reason to preserve the status quo.”

“If a diverse and inclusive state isn’t at the front of the primary calendar, I’m really concerned that what we’re gonna keep seeing is the same criticisms that we’ve been seeing about the Democratic Party primary process,” said Nevada Democratic Sen. Jacky Rosen.

Representatives from Iowa and New Hampshire argue that small states let all candidates — not just well-funded ones — connect personally with voters, and that losing their slots could advantage Republicans in congressional races. The GOP has already decided to keep Iowa starting its 2024 presidential nominating cycle.

“Just like when two more states were added to the early window, Nevada and

South Carolina,” there is a sense that, just like America isn’t stagnant, “that the Democratic Party changes and grows with the times as well,” said rules committee member Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers.

New Hampshire Democratic National Committeeman Bill Shaheen said he didn’t know what would’ve happened if the rules committee vote wasn’t postponed, but cheered it as “one more chance to show what kind of state we are.”

When the DNC approved shaking up the primary calendar ahead of 2008, it called for Nevada’s caucus after Iowa and before New Hampshire, only to see New Hampshire move up its primary. Shaheen said his state might do similar this time, regardless of the party’s decision.

“We’re going to do the first primary whether the DNC recognizes it or not,” said Shaheen, whose wife, Jeanne, is a senator. “There’s a great likelihood of that.”

Those pushing for more diverse states to lead off say Democrats can impose sanctions to prevent such jockeying this time.

Nonwhite voters made up 26% of all voters and supported Joe Biden over Donald Trump by a nearly 3-to-1 margin in the 2020 presidential election, according to AP VoteCast, a nationwide survey of the electorate. Nonwhite voters accounted for 38% of Democratic voters then.

By contrast, 91% of 2020 Iowa Democratic caucus goers were white and 94% of New Hampshire primary voters were, according to VoteCast surveys.

Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., who is helping lead her state’s push to go early, said Michigan reflects diversity “and that’s what we are missing in these early primaries.”

“We are not testing candidates in what their general

election’s gonna look like,” said Dingell, who added that Michigan’s “got more county fairs than anyone could want.” That recalls Iowa’s state fair, where generations of presidential candidates have worked the porkchop grill and wolfed down deep-fried versions of all imaginable foodstuffs.

“We’re very good at junk food,” Dingell said, laughing.

If the rules committee approves a reshuffled framework, it would still have to be sanctioned by the full Democratic National Committee, though it usually endorses such decisions.

This may be moot if Biden opts to seek a second term. In that case, the party likely will have little appetite to build out a robust primary schedule potentially allowing another Democrat to challenge him.

Some rules committee members suggested that the White House has taken a keener interest in the primary calendar process recently, but others expressed frustration that the Biden administration hasn’t given them clearer guidance on where its preferences lie.

In addition to diversity, Democrats are considering electoral competitiveness and states’ efforts to relax voting restrictions. They’re scrutinizing states’ racial makeup, union membership and size in terms of population and geography — which can affect possibilities for direct voter engagement and travel and advertising costs.

After results malfunctions that kept The Associated Press from declaring a winner, Iowa Democrats have proposed changing the caucus’s presidential preference portion to require that all participants mail in their selections. But there also had been calls for a decade-plus from top Democrats to move the starting line elsewhere, thus highlighting the party’s growth and potential among younger voters and those of color.

NEWS BRIEFING

Deadly blaze at Cuba oil facility spreads as 3rd tank catches fire

From news services

HAVANA — A deadly fire that began at a large oil storage facility in western Cuba spread Monday after flames enveloped a third tank that firefighters had tried to cool as they struggle to fight the massive blaze.

At least one person has died and 125 are injured, with another 14 reported missing ever since lighting struck one of the facility’s eight tanks on Friday night. A second tank caught fire on Saturday, triggering several explosions at the facility, which plays a key part in Cuba’s electric system.

“The risk we had announced happened, and the blaze of the second tank compromised the third one,” said Mario Sabines, governor of the western province of Matanzas where the facility is located.

Firefighters had sprayed water on the remaining tanks over the weekend to cool them and try to stop the fire from spreading.

The governments of Mexico and Venezuela have sent special teams to help extinguish the fire, with water cannons, planes and helicopters fighting the fire from several directions as military constructions specialists erected barriers to contain oil spills.

Local officials warned residents to use face masks or stay indoors given the smoke enveloping the region that can be seen from the capital of Havana, more than 65 miles away. Officials have warned that the cloud contains sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, carbon monoxide and other poisonous substances.

Most of those injured were treated for burns and smoke inhalation, and five remain in critical condition.

Iran talks end: Talks to revive

Tehran’s tattered nuclear accord with world powers in Vienna ended Monday as the parties closed a final text and key negotiators prepared to consult with their capitals, diplomats said.

After 16 months of on-and-off indirect negotiations to restore the deal, the European Union’s foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell suggested there was no more room for negotiation on the draft now on the table.

A final decision on whether the most significant nonproliferation pact in the last quarter century can be restored rests with the Iranian and American governments, he signaled. The 2015 nuclear deal granted Iran sanctions relief in exchange for tight curbs on its atomic program.

Key challenges to closing the deal remain. European officials over the weekend urged Iran to drop its “unrealistic demands” outside the scope of the original agreement, including over an International Atomic Energy Agency probe into undeclared nuclear material found in the country.

Michigan probe sought: The Michigan Attorney General’s office is asking that a special prosecutor investigate whether the Republican candidate for state attorney general and others should be charged in connection with an effort to gain access to voting machines after the 2020 election, according to published reports.

The Detroit News reported Sunday that Attorney General Dana Nessel’s office has asked that the Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council, a state agency, appoint a special prosecutor to consider charges against nine people, including Republican attorney general candidate Matt DePerno,



Iraqi Shiite Muslims re-enact the Battle of Karbala as they mark Ashura, a 10-day period commemorating the seventh century killing of Prophet Mohammed’s grandson Imam Hussein. The re-enactment took place Monday outside the Imam Hussein Shrine in Iraq’s holy city of Karbala, in the central part of the country, 62 miles southwest of Baghdad. SABAH ARAR/GETTY-AFP

state Rep. Daire Rendon of Lake City and Barry County Sheriff Dar Leaf.

The newspaper reported details of allegations were made in a letter sent Friday by Nessel’s chief deputy attorney general, Christina Grossi, to Democratic Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. They involved convincing local clerks to hand over voting tabulators, breaking into them and performing “tests,” the letter stated.

The request for a special prosecutor was made because of the potential conflict of interest since Nessel likely will face DePerno in the November election.

DePerno, a lawyer, supports former President Donald Trump’s false claims about his 2020 loss.

Israel-Palestine truce: With a cease-fire between Israel and Palestinian militants holding after nearly three days of violence, Gaza’s sole power plant resumed operations

Monday, and Israel began reopening crossings into the territory.

Israel also lifted security restrictions on southern Israeli communities after the Egyptian-mediated truce took effect late Sunday.

War-weary people in Gaza and Israel were left to pick up the pieces after another round of violence — the worst since an 11-day war between Israel and the territory’s militant Hamas rulers last year.

Over three days of fighting, 46 Palestinians were killed, including 16 children and four women, and 311 were wounded, the Palestinian Health Ministry said. Twelve of those killed were Islamic Jihad militants, one was from a smaller armed group, and two were Hamas-affiliated policemen who were not taking part in the fighting, according to the armed factions.

Israel estimated a total of 47 Palestinians were killed, including 14 killed by misfired Islamic Jihad rock-

ets. It said that 20 fighters and seven civilians died in Israeli airstrikes and that it is still investigating six deaths.

Oligarch jet: A judge authorized the United States on Monday to seize a \$90 million jet belonging to a Russian oligarch in a continuing effort to diminish the financial pillars of the Russian government after its invasion of Ukraine.

The effort to seize Andrei Skoch’s private plane, an Airbus A319-100, was part of a monthslong pursuit of sanctioned Russian oligarchs and their blocked property, U.S. Attorney Damian Williams announced.

Skoch, a steel magnate, is one of the wealthiest men in Russia’s Duma, or parliament.

His fortune is valued at \$6.6 billion, according to Forbes. The U.S. Treasury sanctioned Skoch in April 2018 over his ties to organized crime and for being “a deputy of the Russian Feder-

ation’s State Duma.”

Mexico miners trapped: Mexico will attempt to send an aquatic drone into a collapsed coal mine where 10 miners have been trapped since last week.

Laura Velazquez, national Civil Defense coordinator, said Monday that images from the drone could help authorities decide whether to send in divers without putting them at risk.

She also said that 25 pumps were working to remove water from the flooded shaft. Water that was once 111 feet deep was now between 55 and 78 feet deep.

The mine in Sabinas, Coahuila, about 70 miles southwest of Eagle Pass, Texas, collapsed last Wednesday with 15 miners inside. Five managed to escape with injuries. Authorities say the miners breached a neighboring space filled with water. There has been no contact with the remaining 10.

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Police ID woman shot to death in home

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

Police have identified a woman who was killed in a shooting Saturday night as a 29-year-old Hartford woman. Adelaida Latorres-Toro was shot to death inside her home at 73 Colonial St. on Saturday night — it was the second shooting in that apartment building this year, according to Hartford Police Department records. Police responded to the scene about 9:17 p.m. after receiving a 911 call that a person

had been shot. Officers found Latorres-Toro suffering from a gunshot wound inside the house and she was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. She died of a gunshot wound to her chest and her death was ruled a homicide, according to the Connecticut Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. About 10:53 p.m. Saturday, officers said they had detained one person for questioning. Police did not confirm whether that person had been released or remained detained. No charges had been filed as of 1

p.m. Monday, according to police. Police were investigating another shooting at the same apartment building earlier this year. On a Saturday night in May, a man in his 20s was shot at 73 Colonial St., according to police. About 10:55 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, police were called to Hartford Hospital after a man in his early 20s walked into the hospital with a gunshot wound. The man was alert and conscious at the time he arrived at this hospital and survived his injuries, police said. It was determined

that the incident happened at 73 Colonial St. and police were still investigating the shooting. According to city of Hartford Property Records, the building is a nine-unit apartment complex owned by Broad Partners LLC, which is based in Brooklyn, New York. Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions were leading both investigations, which are both still ongoing. Anyone with any information regarding either shooting is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).



Veronica T. DeLandro, right, was named executive director of LiveGirl Inc., a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization. COURTESY

Live Girl expands to Greater Hartford

New executive director sees opportunity for networking connections

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

The new executive director of a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization that works to help empower girls is leading the charge of expanding its footprint to the Greater Hartford area. After hearing the nonprofit organization Live Girl Inc. was looking to fill the role of its first executive director, Veronica T. DeLandro decided to throw her hat in the ring as a candidate for the position. It aligned with her passion of girl empowerment, girl power, leadership, development, and advocacy for young girls, DeLandro said. Live Girl also saw DeLandro as a perfect fit for this new role, and hired her for the

position. Founder and CEO Sheri West said that with her “distinctive experience and inclusive leadership, Veronica is a phenomenal leader uniquely positioned to expand our reach and impact, especially in the Hartford area.” “Live Girl is on a mission to build confident, inclusive leaders, and provide all girls with the skills, mentors, and access they need to thrive,” West said. DeLandro previously has served as the executive director of the Aurora Women & Girls Foundation, was director of Community Engagement at The Governor’s Prevention Partnership, and was appointed by U.S. Rep.-elect Jahana Hayes to be her district director for the 5th Congressional office in 2018. Along with being the

executive director of Live Girl, DeLandro provides nonprofit leadership consulting through her own consulting firm, VTD Consulting. Live Girl was founded in 2014 as a nonprofit that works with girls to build confidence and inclusive leadership from fifth grade through college, including mentoring and internship programs and summer camps, according to the organization. DeLandro said 67 percent of participants are girls/women of color, and it is important to her to invest and have young women see successful people that look like them in different opportunities and places. She said this goal is what makes the expansion from

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Ritter taps new official for Port Authority

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

House Speaker Matt Ritter tapped a longtime business and education leader Saturday to replace one of the Connecticut Port Authority officials cited in a state ethics ruling. Ritter named Lawrence McHugh, president of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce since 1983 and the chairman of the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees for nearly a decade, to replace Donald Frost of Fairfield on the port authority’s board of directors. The speaker said he was dismayed Friday to learn for the first time that Frost — who had been appointed to the authority in 2016 by then-Speaker J. Brendan Sharkey — was one of the officials at the quasi-public entity who had allegedly accepted illegal gifts from Seabury Maritime, a consultant hired to help find a developer for the state pier in New London. Frost’s term expired in 2020, but he continued to serve on the authority since a replacement had not been named. “I’ve never met nor spoken to the gentleman, but our office certainly was not alerted to this situation” until Friday, Ritter said, referring to a story posted Friday by WSHU Public Radio in Fairfield, which had obtained an affidavit identifying Frost. “I just think it’s time for a fresh start.” The Office of State Ethics announced in early July that it had fined Seabury \$10,000 for allegedly providing more than \$3,000 in food and gifts —including hockey tickets and an overnight stay at a Greenwich club — to Connecticut Port Authority officials in 2017 and 2019. The ethics announcement didn’t identify the authority officials involved in the matter. But WSHU reported Friday that according to an affidavit filed by Seabury executive Jeffrey

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Arrest warrant details charges against horse trainer accused of animal abuse

By Ahjané Forbes
Hartford Courant

An East Hampton woman is facing animal cruelty and torture charges alleging she brutally mistreated horses that were in her care, including, according to the warrant for her arrest, using an electric shock collar and mutilating or cruelly beating or unjustifiably injuring an animal. Alexis Wall faces up to 20 counts of animal cruelty charges from 2021 after claims she abused horses at White Birch Farm in Portland, where she previously worked as a trainer. Horse owners reported seeing physical evidence on their horses of harm allegedly at Wall’s hands: some bleeding from the mouth, some with golf ball-sized welts on their sides from Wall’s alleged excessive use of spurs, bleeding on the legs where metal chains had been used to hobble them, large spots of hair missing from the flanks, the warrant affidavit said. One owner reported a palomino stallion stalled next to her horse

was wearing an electric shock collar on his neck. The complaints came first by anonymous email and then as a phone call from a horse owner who previously boarded her horse at White Birch Farm. The owner reported seeing several horses under Wall’s training subjected to “cruel punishments such as withholding food and water, tying for long periods of time, excessive use of spurs and being ridden hard for long periods of time,” according to the warrant for Wall’s arrest. In a visit to the farm to investigate, State Animal Control Officer Tanya Wescovich spoke with another horse owner, who at that time boarded her horse at the farm. According to the warrant, the woman told Wescovich that she saw horses being mistreated — tied up for hours with no food or water, bleeding from the mouth after being ridden or having their head tied so tight that they couldn’t straighten their necks. Some were excessively whipped,

she said. The woman initially said she would be willing to make a statement once she had moved her horse to a different barn because she was afraid Wall would retaliate, according to the warrant. She and other horse owners, some of whom also reported removing their horses from White Birch Farm due to concern over horses’ care, provided witness statements detailing the abuse they allegedly witnessed. The farm is owned by Amy Rader Wimler. A horse owner gave a written statement at the end of June in which she described several instances when horses were allegedly treated poorly, one in which the animal was overworked so that it looked “panicked” and had “raspy breathing,” after which Wall continued to ride the horse. The next day she saw the horse lying in its stall, the warrant said. Often, between February and March, Wall encouraged students

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Report: State ranks 7th for childhood well-being

Connecticut up 1 spot in Kids Count survey

By Ginny Monk
CT Mirror

Connecticut improved its national ranking in childhood well-being but still has progress to make, particularly in housing and issues related to economic security, according to an annual report released today. Connecticut was ranked seventh in the nation in this year’s Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count, up from eighth last year. The Kids Count examines child well-being by state, based on 16 indicators across four broad categories: health, education, family and community, and economic well-being. Despite high rankings in several categories, including education-related indicators and the number of children with health insurance, many families are still struggling with issues such as food insecurity and high costs of hous-

ing, said Emily Byrne, executive director of Connecticut Voices for Children. “We were slow from the great recession, and lower levels of investment in family economic security were made over the years,” Byrne said. “That has kept Connecticut from being a place where all families can thrive. The investments can range, but as a starting point, it’s connecting parents to good jobs and figuring out ways to offset the high cost of raising children.” Connecticut Voices for Children is the state-level group that worked on the Annie E. Casey report. The report is based on 2019 and 2020 data; some education data collection was disrupted when schools shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The state ranked third in the nation in the education category. It had high rankings in keeping kids engaged in school or work and in preschool attendance. It ranked eighth in health, 14th

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Two men arrested in connection with motel robbery

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Two men have been arrested in connection with an April robbery at a Motel 6 in Southington, according to police.

Gregory Rogers, 40, of Southington and John Delgado, 48, of New Britain were arrested in connection with the robbery and face several larceny, robbery, and assault-related charges.

According to a release from Southington police, officers responded about 10 p.m. April 14 to the Motel 6 on Queen Street in Southington for a reported robbery. A guest in a nearby room reported hearing a disturbance in another room. The victim of the robbery also reported it to the police shortly afterward.

The victim told police he was assaulted by two men in

dark-colored hoodies.

He said he heard a knock on his door and opened it slightly. The men reportedly then pushed their way into his room and closed the door behind them. The victim told police the men said they had a gun and pushed him down and held him while they looked through his pants and jacket pockets, according to the release.

The suspects reportedly

stole about \$700 in cash and an unknown amount in gift cards, police said.

Witnesses reported hearing the disturbance and seeing two men leaving the victim's room before fleeing the scene.

Police identified Rogers and Delgado after obtaining surveillance camera footage from the motel, they said.

Rogers was arrested June 23 and charged with third-degree assault of an

elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant or intellectually disabled person, third-degree conspiracy to commit assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant or intellectually disabled person, home invasion, conspiracy to commit home invasion, second-degree robbery, conspiracy to commit second-degree robbery, fifth-degree larceny and conspiracy to commit fifth-degree larceny. He

appeared in New Britain Court on June 23. He was processed and detained on an \$150,000 court-set bond, according to police.

Delgado was arrested Aug. 5 and received the same charges as Rogers. He was also detained on an \$150,000 court-set bond. He was served an arrest warrant and arrested at a scheduled appearance in New Britain court, police said.

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Fairfield County to the Greater Hartford area so crucial to her.

“Our expansion is important because we’ve been in Fairfield County since 2014. We’ve steadily been growing ...with working in Bridgeport, Waterbury, partnering with the Boys and Girls Clubs, even in Hartford,” DeLandro said. “There is an opportunity for the networking connections that I have in the Greater Hartford area, and marrying it with the work of Live Girl from Fairfield County to make us expand our work statewide.”

She also said that expanding to the Greater Hartford area will help with her goal of targeting girls of color in new ways, including developing strategic partnerships in the community, as they did for Fairfield County.



Veronica T. DeLandro, center back, has been named executive director of LiveGirl Inc., a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization. COURTESY

thing that would be of interest to girls in your program, or girls attending your school,” DeLandro said.

DeLandro said that although there are many youth programs being offered, some people unfortunately may be missed and she hopes that Live Girl can catch some of those girls and provide them an opportunity to benefit from their program.

“They don’t get access, they don’t know about it, or the same student signs up for every program. We want to be intentional in making sure that

we’re reaching young people, young girls, specifically, that may not have been exposed to something like what we offer at our camp, and provide that opportunity,” she said. “But it starts with the collaboration, and the partnership with those in the community that know those girls.”

Some of the opportunities that are offered to young girls in the Live Girl program include participants being taught to advocate about issues they are passionate about or impact them directly, such as LGBTQ rights and abortion.

DeLandro said she is looking forward to having Live Girl expand to Greater Hartford and they will hold a weeklong day camp at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury on Aug. 15-19 for fifth through eighth grade girls.

“I hope that they will want to ... go back to their schools and say, ‘this is a great camp that I attended, [and] we should partner with them’... I would want them to leave the camp, wanting to continue to be involved in Live Girl throughout the school year,” she said.

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to ride close to a horse named Checkers, who was tied up in the indoor arena, a horse owner told Wescovich, the warrant said. Sometimes the horse was hobbled (when two legs are tied together). Twice, a horse owner reported, she saw Checkers panic and fall on his side. Another horse owner reported seeing “Wall riding her horse into him and beating him with her reins at the same time,” the warrant said.

Wall reportedly left another horse, Gilly, fully tacked in the arena with the reins tightly tied to his saddle so that his head was tucked to one side. An owner said the horse was left this way for at least two hours and that he “appeared to be in distress ... tossing his head constantly and pulling against the reins,” the warrant said. That owner said she could “see the whites of his eyes and that the horse broke a board in the area fence attempting to rub the bridle/

saddle off.” Wescovich noted in the warrant that “Leaving an animal tied in a manner which does not allow for free movement could result in stress or damage to the muscles and tendons.”

An owner also described a video she reportedly saw of a horse named Ocho in which his reins were tied tightly back to the saddle horn, forcing his nose stay close to his chest, the warrant said. The owner reportedly said the horse appeared to be in respiratory distress, gasping for air and covered in sweat” with “a pinkish colored froth around his mouth” and his tongue appeared “bluish/purple.” The owner said she heard a voice in the video say, “watch out, he might pass out” before Wall comes into view holding the lead rope that was attached to the horse, the warrant said.

Ocho’s owner wrote in a statement that Ocho’s behavior changed once Wall began working with him. That owner claimed that when her horse was tied to the wall, Wall would physically run the horse

she was riding into her horse and used a whip to make him move and that under Wall’s training, she began to notice cuts and injuries to her horse and the use of more aggressive bits in his mouth.

On Feb. 26 Ocho bolted from Wall’s custody and Rader-Wimler informed the owner that they wanted to use a “prison method” on Ocho — meaning “would be tied with the chain to a remote, dark, single stall wall located in the indoor arena with no food or water for 24 hours with no other horses around,” the warrant said. Ocho’s owner said she asked what would happen if they didn’t get the desired results and reportedly was told they would continue for another 48 hours. According to the warrant, the owner said she told them not to perform the procedure on her horse.

Rader-Wimler confirmed that all the horses mentioned in the warrant were in training with Wall during her employment at White Birch Farm and that Wall worked with Ocho

frequently.

Rader, according to the warrant, described Wall as a “true Vaquero” (cowboy or cattle driver in Spanish) and said “you needed to have a specific training philosophy to understand the training methods used by her.”

In the warrant, Wecovich, who has 20 years of personal experience training and caring for horses, said, “acts of so-called training in which an animal is put in a position to cause pain, left in a position for an extended period of time which will cause undue strain to muscles/tendons, cause physical harm to the animal, or mental torture is inhumane and not accepted by any respectable equine organization and constitutes acts of animal cruelty, according to (state statute) CGS 53-247a.”

Wall faces charges of two counts of overworking, two counts of failing to provide proper drink, seven counts of mutilating or cruelly beating or unjustifiably injuring an animal and nine counts of torture.

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Erickson, recipients allegedly included Frost, former port authority Executive Director Evan Matthews and his spouse; and former authority board member Henry Juan III of Greenwich and his spouse.

Matthews and Juan could not be reached for comment Saturday.

Frost told the CT Mirror that he accepted a dinner provided in August 2017 by Seabury, but “it was not related to CPA at all.”

Frost, who is active in numerous maritime organizations, said he had assumed the meal was related to a proposal to have Seabury fund an academic leadership post at the State University of New York Maritime College.

According to Frost’s resume, which is listed on the authority’s website, he has a bachelor of science degree in marine transportation from the university.

But the dinner turned out to be nothing more than a social occasion, Frost said, adding that neither the academic post nor port authority matters were discussed. “It was purely social,” he added.

Only after the 2017 dinner, having recalled that Matthews was in attendance, Frost said, he began to wonder whether the meal had some connection to port authority matters.

State law “prohibits any person from knowingly giving, directly or indirectly, gifts to a public official or state employee when that person is doing business or seeking to do business with that public official or state employee’s agency or department.”

The ethics commission fine imposed in July was directly only at Seabury. Peter Lewandowski, executive director of the ethics office, also said it’s the agency’s policy not to comment on whether other related investigations could be in the works.

The authority hired Seabury in May 2018 to help with the search for an operator of the state pier in New London. The new operator would help transform the pier into the staging area for a major, offshore wind-to-energy project.

The authority issued a \$700,000 payment to Seabury that included a \$523,000 “success” or reward fee — and that happened three months after Juan, who was a managing director with Seabury, had resigned from the authority board.

The State Contracting Standards Board adopted a report in February that compared this success fee with the “finder’s fees” the General Assembly banned more than two decades ago. That ban followed a scandal in the late 1990s that sent then-state Treasurer Paul Silvester to prison.

David Kooris, who became chairman of the port authority’s Board of Directors in July 2019, also could not be reached for comment Saturday.

The New London pier project, priced three years ago at \$93 million, also has been criticized for several cost hikes which now place the price tag at more than \$255 million. Connecticut’s share now stands at \$178 million, with \$77.5 million coming from private partners.

Ritter praised McHugh, who led the UConn Board of Trustees from 2009 through 2017, for his wealth of knowledge on a variety of issues. During McHugh’s tenure, the state’s flagship university hired its first female president, Susan Herbst, launched a historic bioscience partnership with The Jackson Laboratory in Farmington and relocated its Hartford campus to the capital city’s downtown area.

McHugh, a Republican, had led the governing board for the regional state university system prior to his tenure at UConn.

“He is truly one of the better public servants our state has seen in a long time,” Ritter said.

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in family and community and 20th in economic well-being.

Although it’s ranked first in the nation in the number of 3- and 4-year-olds in school, advocates at Connecticut Voices for Children marked that category as one to watch.

“The pandemic really rocked the early care industry,” Byrne said.

It’s something researchers are watching at the national level, too, said Leslie Boissiere, vice president for external affairs at the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Other points marked as “need to watch” included childhood poverty, Connecticut’s ranks for fourth-grade reading proficiency and eighth grade math proficiency. The state ranks 12th in terms of childhood poverty and fourth in reading and math.

Connecticut’s lowest ranking was in the housing cost burden category, where it ranked 44th in the country, a drop of two places from last year’s report.

“I know when we compare the state of Connecticut to many of the other states, we are doing reasonably well,” said Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor, co-chair of the

children’s committee and vice chair of the housing committee.

“Having said that, I’ve always said we need to compare Connecticut with Connecticut, and that’s why I am not satisfied with the numbers at this time.”

Housing affordability

Housing affordability has long been a problem in Connecticut. The state lacks about 85,400 units that are affordable and available to those with extremely low incomes, according to data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Although the numbers have improved from 42% of children living in households with a high housing cost burden in 2008-12 to 34% in 2016-20, other states have seen more wage growth than Connecticut, according to a Connecticut Voices news release.

In recent months, the costs of rent and houses have risen, and in a state that already has higher costs of living, the impact on families is substantial, Byrne said.

Experts have attributed some of the state’s lack of affordable housing to local zoning ordinances that make it difficult for developers to build multi-family housing, which tends to be more affordable for

people with low incomes.

Efforts to implement statewide zoning reform during the last legislative session fell short.

“I think it just speaks to the overall cautionary tale of Connecticut’s Kids Count data ... In the places that we’re doing well, that’s great, but it’s relative to the rest of the country,” Byrne said. “If everybody is doing well and we just maintain the status quo, in comparison, we’re doing worse. Our ranking is going to fall.”

Anwar said housing is central to the effort to improve outcomes for children. Where kids live determines where they go to school. It also affects their long-term health outcomes.

“We need to diversify the homes in all towns and also improve access to many of the towns to have better access to people of all backgrounds,” Anwar said. “And having that balance helps strengthen communities.”

Sen. Kevin Kelly, the Republican Senate leader and ranking member of the children’s committee, said the answer lies in finding ways to increase wages and bring more high-paying jobs to Connecticut.

“I have always and often talked about how we need to have a better economy in the state of Connecticut,

one that actually can support six-figure jobs,” Kelly said.

Young people need more job training and connections to employers, he added.

Gov. Ned Lamont’s initiative to strengthen childhood lead poisoning standards, in Connecticut in addition to \$30 million in federal funds set aside to help alleviate the problem, is an important piece of improving outcomes for children, Byrne said.

“Lead is pervasive in older homes, so one way to get more affordable housing units back online is by rehabbing the existing affordable housing stock,” she added.

Mental health emergency

The national report was largely focused on mental health and kids’ heightened needs for care because of the pandemic.

Children across the country were more likely to experience anxiety or depression during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic than previously. About 7.3 million kids experienced these problems between 2016 and 2020, compared to 5.8 million previously, according to the news release.

In December, the U.S. Surgeon General issued an advisory on a national youth mental health crisis.

Even before the pandemic, Connecticut’s young people had higher rates of anxiety and depression than the national average, and the rates have worsened since the pandemic, according to the press release.

“All of these basic needs that every child should be able to rely on has a direct impact on their overall well being and in particular on the conditions of their mental health,” Boissiere said.

The Connecticut legislature prioritized children’s mental health during the session, introducing three sweeping bills that aim to address mental health in early childhood and schools. They also funded mental health services in medical centers, educational facilities and the community.

But many of those services haven’t reached the community yet and aren’t reflected in the data.

“We’ve made historic investments this past legislative session, and I think that’s great,” Byrne said. “But those resources need to be pushed to the communities now.”

Legislators said they’re hopeful when these are rolled out, the state will see improvements.

CONNECTICUT

UNH chancellor stepping down early

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

Steve Kaplan, who has led the University of New Haven since 2004, is stepping down earlier than planned from his new role as chancellor, in part because of “university politics,” according to a letter from Charles Pompea, chair of the Board of Governors.

The letter was obtained exclusively by the Courant.

A spokesperson for UNH said Monday that university officials have no comment at this time.

Kaplan, who desired to cut back on day-to-day duties, recently assumed the leadership role of chancellor, slated to be for two years, while in the second year the board commenced a nationwide search for a new president.

The university’s interim president is Sheahon Zenger, put in the role for two years, and would also be considered a candidate for the president’s role, the letter states.

In a letter to the “university community,” that praised the university’s “tremendous growth,” under Kaplan, Pompea first makes it sound as if Kaplan’s decision was his own without any pressure, but later Pompea eludes to discord within the staff community.

“After much thought and contemplation, Dr. Kaplan has notified the Board recently that it is his desire to begin his long-deserved and fully earned sabbatical and ensuing retirement at the end of this academic year, in June 2023.”

Pompea went on to write, “We understand that, knowing that

time is fleeting and precious, his decision is driven largely by a desire to spend more time with his cherished family.”

“So while we were somewhat distressed to learn of his desire to leave earlier than expected, we accept his decision with the utmost respect for him and Anemone,” the letter says.

But then the letter switches tone: “It was communicated to Steve that some faculty were pushing for him to leave the Chancellor’s post before 2024. The climate created by this inappropriate interference in the management and oversight of the chief executive strengthens the Board in its conviction that it should remain committed to the two-year timeframe for conducting a presidential search, which will commence in the summer of

2023...”

The goal, Pompea’s letter states, is to have an individual “ready to take office” no later than September 2024.

Pompea wrote that that actions taken and comments made by certain members of the University faculty in recent weeks “prompted Steve to advance his timeframe.”

The letter states that staff unhappy with the situation, “did him a favor in helping him decide,” to leave early.

“Steve had already postponed his retirement because the Board had asked him to do so; and he told us at a meeting earlier this summer that he wanted to cut back his hours significantly after this academic year. As Steve put it: he was leaning strongly in the direction of only doing one more

year instead of two; and some faculty did him a favor in helping him decide definitively that one more year of university politics was enough,” the letter says.

Pompea’s letter, which praises Kaplan generously, explains: “When we announced our innovative leadership plan last winter to strengthen the University for the challenges ahead, we did so comfortable in the knowledge” that Kaplan “would remain in a leadership role as chancellor,” while Zenger “learned the depth and breadth of the position over a two-year period.”

“The University of New Haven in 2022 would be unrecognizable to a student, staff or faculty member from 2004, the year Steve Kaplan became our president,” the letter says.



Shandra Gitana and Allysin Pendleton hold a Steampunk wedding with a Dalek constructed by James Benini of Tolland. Silk City Steampunk

Steampunk in Connecticut

Festivals and monthly events celebrate fashion, fantasy and industry

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The smoke-filled, top-hatted, rarefied realm of Steampunk — a magical world which links the early machine age of the late 19th century and the Victorian fashions of that time with future technological advances — is still chugging along like a steam locomotive in Connecticut, with festivals, fairs and monthly events for enthusiasts.

Next to New York (whose Grand Central Station and proto-typical skyscrapers figure in many a Steampunk tale), Connecticut may in fact be the consummate American Steampunk state.

One of the state’s most famous residents of the late 1800s, Mark Twain, wrote several stories with Steampunk elements, including the travel adventures “Tom Sawyer Abroad,” “Captain Stormfield’s Visit to Heaven” and “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court.” Twain also invested in new technology like typewriters and printing machines, and palled around with Steampunk icon Nicola Tesla.

Now Connecticut is home to a slew of Steampunk novelists such as Renée Fleury, Jennifer Eifrig, Gevera Bert Piedmont, A.L. Davroe, Jessica Lucci, Liz Delton and Elizabeth Chatsworth and nonfiction authors such the team of Joe “Dr. Grymn” Marsocci and Allison DeBlasio (“1000 Steampunk Creations”).

Many Connecticut cities still use the nicknames they got from factories that once defined them: Brass City (Waterbury), Hat City (Danbury), Copper City (Ansonia) and Thread City (Willimantic).

The Silk City — Manchester, which in the mid-19th century boasted the world’s largest silk mill — has become a hotbed of present-day Steampunk activity. Manchester Mayor Jay Moran proclaimed Sept. 7, 2017 to be “Steampunk Day in Manchester.”

The definition of Steampunk in the proclamation reads: “Steampunk is imagining a world that remained in the Victorian Age, still powered by steam but with a dash of science fiction and wonder. Think Jules Verne,



Jim and Tanya Evans from a past Steampunking in the Park event. The next one is Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Manchester’s Wickham Park. Silk City Steampunk

Charles Dickens and H.G. Wells, throw in Doctor Who with the technological what ifs of Nikola Tesla and the zoological improbabilities of H.P. Lovecraft, topped with a steamy cup of tea — that is Steampunk.”

David Carlson, who helped created the sideburned, cogs-and-gears milieu that led to that proclamation, gives a similar definition, calling Steampunk “a mixture of a Victorian aesthetic with elements of science fiction. He notes that the TV series “Doctor Who” (whose various stars have often adopted comfortable tweeds and Steampunk accessories and regularly time travel to the Victorian era) is widely embraced by the Steampunk movement.

Carlson is Manchester’s main proponent of Steampunk. He’s been doing Steampunk events in the area “since before I knew it had a name. We were doing Victorian Christmas card shoots.” He came to realize that the Steampunk movement encompassed “everything I’d been interested in for my whole life.” After attending conventions in Connecticut,

Rhode Island and elsewhere, “I found people, started my own group and created the type of events I wanted to go to.” Besides other enthusiasts, he connected with antique stores, costume shop, museums and other businesses that support the Steampunk sensibility.

Now, Carlson says, “Manchester is internationally known as a Steampunk city.” He established that reputation by holding large annual events like the Silk City Steampunk Festival t (the latest of which was held in June) and the “Stupid Cupid Steampunk Weekend Extravaganza” (which will next be held Feb. 3-5 at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel in Cromwell).

Some of the Silk City Steampunk group’s bigger festivals have been held at Manchester’s Cheney Hall, an ideal location since it was built in the 1860s as a recreation hall for workers in the Cheney Brothers’ silk mills.

But Carlson also makes sure the recognition is constant, with monthly events branded “12 Months of Steampunk.” “With me,” Carlson says, if you miss an

Steampunking in the Park
When: Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Italian Gardens at Wickham Park, 1329 Middle Turnpike West, Manchester.

event, you don’t have to wait a year. You just wait 30 days.”

The next monthly gathering is a “Steampunking in the Park,” Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Manchester’s Wickham Park. There will be a potluck meal and a photo shoot. Attendees are invited to “come dressed in Steampunk, Goth, Whovian or Muggle.” (Yes, Steampunk is claiming some Harry Potter references as well.) Carlson says he expects to greet pirates, stately gentlemen and “land-dwelling mermaids.”

The monthly events can take the form of “strolls, happenings, photo shoots, maybe a teahouse crawl,” Carlson said. “Sometimes we get 20 people, sometimes 200.”

On Aug. 27 in and around Federal Hill Green in Bristol, the Steampunk contingent is strolling around Victorian neighborhoods in that town (they really like to stroll) then holding a discussion of Bristol’s role in the Industrial Revolution.

On Sept. 16, a new festival, the High Iron Steampunk Festival, will be held in Essex, the town where tourists flock to see a steamboat and a steam train.

Upcoming “12 Months of Steampunk” events include a stroll on Manchester’s Cheney Rail Trail in September and a screening of the silent film classic “The Phantom of the Opera” starring Lon Chaney in October.

Many Connecticut-based Steampunk events are listed in the international online magazine “The Steampunk Explorer.” Carlson himself hosts three Facebook pages dedicated to Connecticut Steampunk: facebook.com/oddballnewstuff, facebook.com/groups/silkcitysteampunk and facebook.com/oddballnewtproductions.

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Bloomfield sets \$1.5M to upgrade libraries

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

BLOOMFIELD — The Bloomfield Town Council recently voted to appropriate \$1.5 million to make improvements to the town’s two library buildings.

The Town Council had directed the Library Building Committee to move forward with increasing the square footage of the new Prosser Library plan by 30,169 square feet. The committee found that the cost would be \$1.5 million, but would increase significantly — to \$2.5 million, due to inflation — if the funding were delayed beyond the end of July. The funds would also include some renovations to the P. Faith McMahon Wintonbury Library.

The resolution includes the appropriation of a \$1 million Library Construction Grant from the state for the Prosser Library project. Funds are being moved from several line items in the 2023 Capital Fund budget, including IT improvements and open space acquisition. The moves also included \$200,000 to renovate the Town Hall mechanical room floor.

In the public comment portion of the meeting, residents were overwhelmingly in support of the increase. One asked that any leftover funds be returned to the accounts.

“My only request is, if any of that \$1.5 million isn’t used,” said resident Gail Riley, “if that money could be put back from where it was taken from.”

A second resolution approved the use of unionized workers for the library projects. Presentations had been made by the Greater Hartford-New Britain Trades Council at Administration and Education Subcommittees meetings, citing the benefits of using a Project Labor Agreement for the project.

Support from residents who spoke at the public hearing was notably in favor of using union workers. The proposal also includes a 25% local worker rate, meaning Bloomfield residents will be used to work on the projects.

The motion passed unanimously for the funding, and 8-0 with one abstention for the union contract.

For more information, visit www.bloomfieldct.gov.

KIDSAFE Car Show gets bigger

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

VERNON — Organizers of the 11th annual KIDSAFE Car Show in Vernon said all indications are that this year’s show will be the biggest yet.

Organizers Jerry Bundy and Robin Kohler said last year’s total of 250 cars is likely to be eclipsed. Interest from sponsors also has been high.

“Every year, it seems to get bigger and bigger. We have had a lot of cars sign up,” Kohler said, “and since we’ve put the signs up in the area, we’ve had a lot more.”

There will be a Kids’ Zone with arts and crafts, inflatable slide and DJ.

All proceeds will benefit KIDSAFE CT, a nonprofit whose mission is to partner with the community to educate and empower families and promote the well-being of young people.

General admission is free for spectators. Show car registration is \$10. Judging starts at noon and the awards parade is set for 1 p.m. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Tolland County Agricultural Center, 24 Hyde Ave., Route 30, Vernon.

For more information, email Kohler at rkohler@kidsafect.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS
MIDDLETOWN PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2022**

Approved a C.G.S. § 8-8(n) Motion for approval of settlement and entry of judgment in accordance with stipulation, for Root Center for Advanced Recovery v. City of Middletown Planning and Zoning Commission, Docket No.: SC 20698, MMX-CV20-6029705-S for the reasons set forth in the stipulation.

Thomas Pattavina, Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission
8/9/22 7263521

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Lucille Furtado, Late of Late of Middletown (22-00685)

The Hon. Joseph D. Marino, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Middletown Probate Court, by decree dated August 4, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan M. Hood, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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8/9/2022 7265402

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS
MIDDLETOWN ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2022**

1. Approved request for a variance of Section 23.02A for the proposed installation of a generator at 169-171 Liberty St in the Mixed Use (MX) Zone to support group home in case of power loss. Applicant/Agent: David Ferrigno/Gilead Community Services, Inc. V2022.4
2. Denied request for a variance of Section 21.02 for the proposed addition of a covered front porch to the existing dwelling at 54 Dorothy Drive in the RPZ. Applicant/Agent: Kristen Rzasa. V2022.5
3. Approved with Conditions a request for a variance of Sections 48.03.08 and 48.05 for the proposed installation of two electronic institutional signs to be displayed at 1 Wilderman's Way. Applicant/Agent: Michael Scott/TSKP Studio. V2022.6
4. Approved request for a variance of Section 21.02 to allow a lot without frontage on an existing parcel located on Livingston Rd. Map/Lot: 44-0175. Applicant/Agent: Joseph M. Carta. V2022.7

Steven Kovach, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
8/9/2022 7265820

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN C. RONCAIOLI, late of East Hampton (22-00126)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region #14 Probate Court, by decree dated August 3, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Debra C. Daniels, Chief Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARBARA M. MACDONALD, Late of Portland, AKA BARBARA MAE MACDONALD (22-00222)

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Suzanne B. Emond, Clerk

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**NOTICE OF DECISIONS
MIDDLETOWN LAND WETLANDS &
WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2022**

1. Approved with Conditions the construction of a new septic system requiring the sewer force main to cross the intermittent watercourse to the new septic system leaching fields at 488 Bow Lane. Applicant/Agent: Michael Kereks/ Estate of Robert Kereks. 2022.5.
2. Approved with Conditions the construction of a single family home, septic system, well, driveway, and associated land clearing and grading on Shunpike Road (Map/Lot: 49/0035). Applicant/Agent: Dean Delvecchio. 2022.6.
3. Approved with Conditions the maintenance removal of sediment in Bear Pond to be relocated to the North shore of the pond at 117 Sachem Drive. Applicant/Agent: Dominick & Deborah More. 2022.8.

Joseph Carta, Chairman
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
8/9/2022 7265058

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Rose Marie Dean, Late of Middletown (22-00676)

The Hon. Joseph D. Marino, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Middletown Probate Court, by decree dated August 3, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Denise H. Garrey, Assistant Clerk

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ESTATE OF SUSAN R. BEHM, late of East Hampton, AKA SUSAN BEHM ((22-00203))

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HOWARD W. BEHM, JR., late of East Hampton, AKA HOWARD W. BEHM (22-00202)

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Debra C. Daniels, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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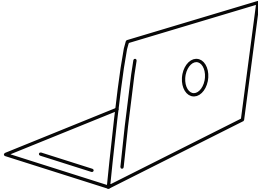
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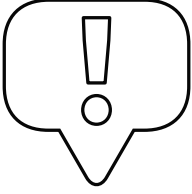
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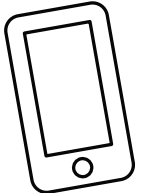
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Fed’s interest rate decision is wrong



Robert Reich

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates by three-quarters of a percentage point in order to battle inflation, even as the economy has begun to slow. This follows a quarter-point move in March, another half a point in May, and three-quarters of a point in June. The Fed also signaled in its post-meeting statement that more rate increases are to come, probably in September, saying that it “anticipates that ongoing increases in the target range will be appropriate.”

This is bonkers, friends. The Fed is trying to douse a fire in the living room when the forest is ablaze. Inflation has broken out all over the world. It’s happened because of pent-up demand from more than two years of pandemic. And limited supplies of everything from computer chips to wheat, due to difficulties in getting the world economy up and running, along with Vladimir Putin’s war in Ukraine driving up world energy and food prices, and China’s lockdowns against COVID-19.

Big corporations, meanwhile, are raising prices because they can. Consumers have little choice due to record levels of corporate concentration, and the rising costs of supplies has given corporations perfect cover.

The Fed’s firehose is hitting none of this. Meanwhile, apologists for large corporations and the Fed say the labor market is in fine shape. Rubbish. There are two aspects to the labor market — jobs and wages. Jobs have increased, but hourly wages have plummeted in real terms (adjusted for inflation). So-called “wage increases” haven’t come near to making up for all the price increases. There’s no hint of the old “wage-price inflation” that’s talked about in macroeconomic textbooks.

If the Fed keeps it up — even if the national



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Jerome Powell testifies during a Senate Banking Committee hearing Sept. 24, 2020, on Capitol Hill in Washington. **DREW ANGERER/AP FILE**

economy avoids an official “recession” — most workers will fall even further behind.

The living standards of nearly everyone who borrows money (that is everyone except the super-rich, who can borrow at rock-bottom rates because they use their fortunes as collateral) are already dropping. The average rate on credit card debt has reached 17.25% (up from 16.34% in March, before the Fed began its rate

increases). Rates on student loans, car loans, and mortgages are also up from last year.

Inflation is a problem, but we can tackle it far better and without imposing such a humongous burden on the bottom 80% of Americans by income. We should do it with a temporary windfall profits tax on oil and food companies, temporary price controls on pharmaceuticals, bolder anti-

trust enforcement, a tax on stock buybacks, and higher taxes on the wealthy.

Robert Reich, former U.S. secretary of labor, is professor of public policy at the University of California at Berkeley and the author of “The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It.” Read more from Robert Reich at <https://robertreich.substack.com/>

Ukrainian Pres. Zelenskyy aims to clean up Wall Street

By Rachel Marsden

PARIS — You know what they say about guys who wear the same outfit every day — like the late Apple Inc. founder Steve Jobs in his black turtlenecks and jeans, or Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg with his hoodies, or former Cuban leader Fidel Castro’s military fatigues, or Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s plain khaki top and pants. Simplifying their wardrobe frees up intellectual bandwidth for more important things, such as, in Zelenskyy’s case, a Vogue magazine photo-shoot, but also to multiply demands of his allies.

Zelenskyy’s calls for weapons resulted in EU countries giving their own away to the detriment of their own national security. “EU countries have responded to Ukraine’s call and supported it with weapons. However, arms deliveries to Ukraine have drained European stocks of ammunition, heavy and light artillery, air defense and anti-tank systems, as well as armored vehicles and tanks. This shortage creates a situation of vulnerability that must be addressed as a matter of urgency,” EU Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton said last month.

Zelenskyy’s calls for sanctions resulted in the EU sanctioning its own gas supply from Russia to the detriment of their own citizens and industry, with the EU now asking member states to ration gas consumption by 15% starting this month and at least into next year.

The fallout from the energy crunch has already hit Germany — Europe’s biggest economic engine — well ahead of winter, as authorities fire back up dirty coal plants and consider doing the same with nuclear energy, while citizens have turned to stockpiling wood, and industry representatives worry about the impact on manufacturing. Meanwhile, public pools and showers are running cold in Hanover, while fountains run dry and monuments go dark in Berlin. Even Oktoberfest is reportedly now on the chopping block. Zelenskyy even asked the West for a no-fly zone over Ukraine, resulting in a rare refusal. As former White House spokesperson Jen Psaki pointed out, “it would essentially mean the U.S. military would be shooting down planes, Russian planes.” It would therefore have been the fastest path to World War III.

But now Team Zelenskyy is making demands of prominent Wall Street estab-



Ukrainian Pres. Volodymyr Zelenskyy speaks at a news conference with Lithuanian Pres. Gitanas Nausėda during their meeting on July 28 in Kyiv, Ukraine. **EFREM LUKATSKY/AP**

lishment executives and threatening nothing short of war crimes prosecution for refusal to comply. Ukraine is alleging war crimes against it by JPMorgan Chase, Citi and HSBC, according to one of Zelenskyy’s economic advisers, Oleg Ustenko, who told the Financial Times that by engaging with companies that sell and trade Russian oil or gas or in Russian energy shares, like Gazprom, Rosneft, Lukoil and Vitol, he believes that “they are committing war crimes.”

Team Zelenskyy is threatening to pursue the managers of these Wall Street companies personally all the way to the International Criminal Court, which the U.S. doesn’t actually recognize. In 2002, the U.S. passed the Hague Invasion Act during the Global War on Terrorism, allowing the U.S. to liberate any American or citizen of an allied country held by the court.

If Washington was truly dedicated to helping the Ukrainian people, they would clear the path completely for Zelenskyy to chase Wall Street executives all the way to The Hague. Kindly step aside and let Zelenskyy do what no one on Earth has yet been able to accomplish: clean up Wall Street.

Imagine the precedent that Zelenskyy could set. First, Wall Street management gets pursued like regular Pol Pots. After that, why not also let him hound executives, board members, and shareholders of the military industrial complex for war crimes?

It’s not like the Western weapons being sent to Ukraine are innocuous. Zelenskyy should be going after the Western weapons manufacturers and dealers who sent weapons to Ukraine which have been captured by Russian forces and risk being used against his own people.

Maybe even NATO and the European Union could back Zelenskyy against the military-financial-industrial complex since they also raised the red flag last month on their own weapons being poorly tracked in Ukraine, with the potential to end up floating around Europe and falling into unknown hands. A Western official told the Financial Times that “we have no idea where they go, where they are used or even if they stay in the country.”

There’s an argument to be made for having the president of the second most corrupt country in Europe, as indicated by the Council of Europe, going after corruption.

If Zelenskyy is truly serious about peace, then by all means he should start with those who most profit from war. He certainly has a lot of material to work with among his own allies.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Frugal people thrive in poor economic times

Big thanks to Jeff O’Donnell in Southington for the letter titled “Stop whining and stop wasting money.” I would like to add my two cents. When a bank tells you that you can afford a certain house price, consider your ceiling to be 30% less. If your child wants that \$10 ice cream at a baseball game, ask the child how they plan on earning it. Oftentimes we are our own worst enemy and it doesn’t have to be that way. The frugal population thrives in tough economic times. How are you doing?

James Laccavole, Hartford

GOP members of Jan. 6 committee true Americans

Hats off to the Jan. 6 committee for its fact-finding information as to cause, and leader of the cause, on that memorable day. Republican Liz Cheney and others rose above party to abide by their oath of office and step up to speak out against their leader, putting their jobs in jeopardy. America will only be great when parties work together, agreeing to disagree, and coming to a mutual understanding that benefits the people, not the party.

Edith Offenhartz, Canton

Jan. 6 committee won’t show both sides

The Jan. 6 committee is an embarrassment. 1) All committee members are anti-Trump. No opposing or neutral members; 2) Destroyed due process. No cross examination of witnesses allowed; 3) No opposing witnesses allowed; 4) Hearsay is sought, promoted, and allowed; 5) Hired a media professional to make it a media circus.

The committee destroyed its credibility and, in the process, made a mockery of a genuine American concern.

William J. DeRosa, Old Lyme

A plea for forward-thinking people in government

The Letters to the Editor that appeared on July 26 are part of the reason citizens of Connecticut should do everything they can to support local newspapers. All the letter writers enhanced my belief that we can have civil discourse rather than engaging in the divisive, name-calling interactions we often hear. Each letter presented the voice of reason, from supporting Hartford’s community-building institutions to holding political candidates accountable for appropriate discussion of complex issues. We don’t need more fighting for causes (don’t fight for me, work for me), but rather we should expect our candidates to clearly present what they stand for and how they will work constructively with others to actually solve some of society’s complex problems. As noted by one writer, restricting the rights of half the citizens to appease the beliefs of the other half is not justified, nor is it justice.

And yes, we need new blood in our political parties. Both parties could stop blaming one person for our national sins. Let’s reject the old-party lines and encourage forward-thinking candidates to step up to lead us into a more constructive future.

Sandra Marshall, East Hampton

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OBITUARIES

Berggren, Harold A.



Harold August Berggren of Berlin, CT passed away on August 6, 2022 at the age of 95 embraced in the loving support of his family. Born in Portland, CT, he was the son of August Berggren and Hulda (Johnson) Berggren. He grew up in Portland before leaving to serve in the United States Army. He served his country from 1946-1949, including a tour in Europe. Upon marrying his wife, Lee, they moved to Cromwell, CT, where they raised their family before living briefly in Southington. After 35 years of marriage, Lee passed away in 1984. Harold remarried and he and his wife, Kathleen (Fath) Berggren relocated to Hilton Head, SC, where they spent 35 years enjoying retirement living. They moved permanently to Berlin, CT two years ago to be near family.

Harold began his business career at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. He took a leap of faith in 1954 that would change his professional path forever. He left Pratt & Whitney to work at Penfield Manufacturing, a move that provided no job security and a cut in pay. He was a true believer in following his inner instincts and was not afraid to take a chance on himself. He advanced quickly within the company and eventually became vice president. While working at Penfield he invented an automatic dual valve, vital to this type of manufacturing, for which he received a patent. Penfield Manufacturing was sold to AMF Cuno and Harold continued to work there for another ten years. When the company became available for sale again, he purchased it along with his partner, Alan Kemp, and renamed it Penfield, Inc. They grew the business and obtained great success within their field. They sold the company when Harold was fifty-seven and he was fortunate to be able to retire at that time.

Harold had an affinity for flying. He built and flew remote control model airplanes for many years. He obtained his dream of earning his pilot's license in his fifties and enjoyed flying his Cessna airplanes. He traveled locally and over states, including a trip to the Bahamas. He loved hobbies that required patience and diligence, including building model ships and did this well into his eighties.

Harold is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Fath) Berggren, his children, Patricia Landry of Portland, Harold Bergren Jr. and his wife, Elisa of Middletown, Penelope Damiata and her husband, Sebastian of Cromwell, Ronald Berggren and his wife, Deborah of Cromwell, and his step-daughter Alicia Farina and her husband, Matthew of Lockport, NY. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and his great grandchildren. He always said he had four great kids, but he was especially proud of his grand-kids. He was a favorite uncle to many of his nieces and nephews. Harold was predeceased by his wife of thirty-five years, Lillian Agnes (Drew) Berggren and his son-in-law, Paul Michael Landry. He was the last of seven Berggren siblings, predeceased by Frederick, Gladys, Ellen, Eleanor, Grace and his twin, Harry. A private burial service will be held at the family's convenience. All are invited to celebrate a life well lived with his family at 5:00 on Tuesday, August 23rd at the Elk's Lodge at 44 Maynard Street, Middletown, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Harold's memory to Bethany Lutheran Church, 50 Court Street, Cromwell, CT or to the charity of their choice.

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Flanagan, Brenda C. (Connor)



Our sweet Brenda returned home to the Lord on Sunday, August 7th. She died peacefully surrounded by her family's presence and love. The daughter of Ralph Francis and Catherine (Flynn) Connor, both who have preceded her in Heaven, Brenda grew up in Hartford on Park Street. She was a kind girl with a love for her cousins and family. She attended South Catholic High School and went on to move to Rocky Hill where she spent most of her life. The bright spots in Brenda's life were her strong faith in God and her family and friends. With her soulmate, Craig Flanagan, she raised two daughters, Kathleen (Fiel) Verissimo and Alison (Fiel) Norton. Brenda could always be found with a crochet hook, yarn, and a smile. She tirelessly gave to others, left people better than she found them and always had a pearl of wisdom for anyone she encountered. Brenda's true moments to shine were when she was just being "Buddah" to her three precious loves, her grandchildren, Lidia Kate and Natalie Brynn Norton along with Miles Christopher Verissimo. She will be missed by many, but especially by her husband and daughters, along with her sons in law, Lon Norton and Jason Verissimo. Brenda leaves behind more friends than one can imagine, and for that her family is forever grateful. They also wish to thank her incredible team of doctors and nurses at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for their loving care. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 10:00 am at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 280 Brook St., Rocky Hill. Friends may call on Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Donations may be made in her name to the NUT Carcinoma Research Foundation lead by Dr. Christopher French and Dr. Geoffrey Shapiro here https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/TR?sessionId=00000000.app216a?fr_id=1200&pg=team&team_id=5310&NONCE_TOKEN=FD4DBA0753E94209175D14F4EDB15FAA. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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Andrychowski, Joseph P.



Joseph P. Andrychowski, 78, of Enfield, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer at home on Friday, August 5, 2022. He was born on November 25, 1943 in Willimantic, to the late Joseph J. and Sophia (Syzdek) Andrychowski. He graduated from Springfield College in 1965 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and went on to teach for 35 years in the Enfield Public School system.

Fondly known as "Coach Andy", Joseph was a force to be reckoned with. He stressed hard work, dedication and perseverance were the road to success. In the beginning of his coaching journey, he was instrumental in developing a premier wrestling program at JFK Middle School. His coaching career stretched more than a decade and in 2014 he was inducted into the Enfield Athletic Hall of Fame.

During his life, Joseph was an avid golfer and bowler but loved all sports, especially the New York Yankees. He enjoyed playing pinochle with his friends, trips to Tractor Supply and special date night trips to Dairy Queen with his wife in his 1970 Chevelle SS. He spent the majority of his retirement on his favorite tractor mowing the fields of the Andrychowski Homestead.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years Debra (Schrumpf) Andrychowski, a son, Major Nicholas Andrychowski and his wife Maisha, a daughter, Vanessa Arkoette and her husband Jeffrey, a sister, Marjorie Andrychowski, a Mother-in-law, Esther Schrumpf, "grandfur-kids", Charlie, Chloe and Luna and many, many cousins. He also leaves behind numerous students, football players and wrestlers whom he had the pleasure and honor of teaching and coaching.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the wonderful staff at St. Francis, Smilow Cancer Hospital, JGS Lifecare and VITAS Healthcare for all their care and compassion.

Calling hours will be held at 3-6 PM on Friday, August 12, at Leete-Stevens Family Funeral Home, 61 South Rd Enfield, CT 06082.

Memorial donations in Joseph's name can be made to St. Jude, Connecticut Children's Hospital or Smilow Cancer Hospital. For online condolences, please visit www.leetestevens.com.

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Adamy, Marjorie J.



Marjorie J. Lautenbach Flavell Adamy, beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, of Manchester passed away on August 4th, at the age of 92.

Marge was born in Manchester in 1930, the youngest daughter of Maximilian and Lula Edger Lautenbach. She lived in Manchester her entire life, graduating from Manchester High School with honors in 1949.

Many may remember Marge as the happy friendly secretary of the Manchester Recreation Department. She enjoyed working in the Rec Department meeting so many residents who signed up for fields and court reservations for multiple sports and issuing rec cards!

Marge also enjoyed playing Mrs. Claus to Carl Silver's Santa at Center Springs Lodge. She was fond of the children who came to visit Santa. Marge was a blue-ribbon rug hooker, and honor she found extremely funny. She hooked so many gorgeous pictures and rugs over the years. Her children and grandchildren benefitted from her talents. Marge also supported all of her children's and grandchildren's sports activities and dance recitals.

Marge is survived by her daughter Sharon Flavell Rickard and son Walter J. Adamy Sr. and his wife Jennifer, her brother-in-law Donald Flavell and his wife Sylvia and sister-in-law Alice Adamy. Her precious grandchildren who brought her tremendous joy Scott and Amanda Rickard, Edward S. Adamy III "Sam" and his wife Sarah, Rebecca Katherine Jones, Clayton Adamy, and Walter J. Adamy, Jr. She also had five great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Marge was predeceased by her husbands, Sgt. Howard Crawford Flavell Jr. (Sharon's father) and Edward S. Adamy Sr.; her son Edward S. Adamy Jr. and her son-in-law Ron Rickard. She was also predeceased by her parents Max and Lula, two sisters Ruth and Laura Bunc and brothers John and William.

Friends and family may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center St., Manchester on Thursday, August 11, 2022, from 5-7 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, August 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Assumption, 27 Adams St. S., Manchester, with burial to follow at East Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame, c/o David Frost, 99 White Street, Manchester, CT 06042. For online condolences please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Chatfield, Arthur E

Arthur Edwin Chatfield, III, 65, of West Hartford, passed away on Friday, July 8, 2022. He was born on April 30, 1957, in Attleboro, MA, to the late Arthur E. Chatfield II and Barbara E. (Clarke) Chatfield. Arthur received his Juris Doctor from Franklin Pierce College and worked out of his own law offices in Providence RI, defending his clients thoughtfully and effectively. He was a great proponent for the American Wolf, working to spread awareness about the endangered wolf population. Arthur leaves behind his only son, Brayden Chatfield; sisters, Laura Chatfield, Jennifer Chatfield, and Jessica Chatfield. He is predeceased by his two other sisters, Gwendolyn Chatfield and Heather Chatfield Ammen. A Celebration of Life for Arthur will be held at a later date (for family and friends) and will be hosted by the Calvary Church in West Hartford. The Cremation Society of CT in Windsor has care of his arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Arthur's passion, the American Wolf Foundation, P.O. Box 32443, Kansas City, MO, 64171 - <https://www.americanwolf.org>.

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dePlace, Carolyn J. (Peluso)



Carolyn J. (Peluso) dePlace, 68, of Enfield, widow of William dePlace, was called home on Thursday, August 4, 2022 to join her parents Michael Peluso, Sr. and Lena (Campanelli) Peluso, and best friend and sister Anna Marie (Peluso) Vincent. She will be forever remembered by her brother Michael Peluso, Jr. and his wife Lisa, their sons Michael III, Thomas (Irene), and Peter, nephew Robert Turgeon, Jr. (Michelle), nieces Christina Wagner who was more like a daughter to her and Angela Vincent, her son Daniel Clement (Laura Sarno) and their daughters Rachel and Emma, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, great nieces, great nephews, and close friends. Carolyn shined brightest when expressing her adoration for her granddaughters, who she thought the world of. It was Carolyn's fierce resolve and the talent and genuine care of Oncologist Dr. Mohammad Pazooki who made it possible for Carolyn to meet her grandchildren and see them grow. Her family is thankful for the support of Dr. Jaykumar Thumar, Dr. Joseph Breton, Dr. Richard Shumway, Dr. Lawrence Glaubiger, and Dr. Eric Van Rooy. Always showing her kindness, Carolyn never said no to anyone; she was always willing to lend a hand. She enjoyed babysitting, pet-sitting, and spending time with those she cared for and following their accomplishments on Facebook. Known for her incredible work ethic, her early career consisted of supervisory roles within the CT State Employees Credit Union and Society for Savings-Mutual Savings. She went on to contribute to organizations and held multiple full-time positions concurrently; including USA Markets, Inc., Blaikie, Miller, and Hines, Harland Check Printers, Fidelity National Information Services, and Sodexho-Marriott/Aramark within Cigna (Windsor). Family and friends will gather Friday, August 12, 5pm-7pm, at Leete Stevens Funeral Home (61 South Rd., Enfield). A funeral home service will take place at 7pm. Burial will take place at Mt. Saint Benedict Cemetery (1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield), Saturday, August 13, 10:30am (please meet directly at cemetery). Contributions can be made in Carolyn's memory to Mary's Place, a Center for Grieving Children & Families, 6 Poquonock Avenue, Windsor, 06095. For messages and condolences please visit www.LeeteStevens.com.

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Johnson, Leonard C.



Leonard "Len" Carl Johnson of Terryville, CT, age 80, passed away at home on the morning of August 6, 2022. He was born December 4, 1941, in Plymouth, CT, the third child to parents, Herta and Carl Johnson. Married to his beloved wife, Lani Beck Johnson in July 1972. Following high school, Len served as a member of the Army Reserves as a Supply Sergeant. As a young man, Len enjoyed painting, the joys (and other emotions) of keeping a mid-century domestic automobile running smoothly, and skiing in Vermont, with a stint as a member of the ski patrol at Stratton Mountain. After some time working for Plymouth Public Works, as well as serving on school building committees, Len spent much of his career as a Heavy Machine Operator until his retirement from D'Amato Construction.

A proud and active member of the Terryville Lions Club since 1962, Leonard held numerous leadership roles and Board of Directors positions in his local club for over 20 years. He was a Life Member, served on the District 23B Cabinet in various positions and had the honor of serving as 23B District Governor. He is the recipient of various awards, including Knight of the Blind, Ambassador of Sight, and Melvin Jones Fellowship. For his local club, Len loved helping with the delivery of Christmas baskets and the Santa Display in Baldwin Park. He spent many years working at the Terryville Country Fair, managing Indoor Concessions when it was still a giant tent and following that, he enthusiastically brought the old-fashioned sport of Women's Iron Skillet Toss to the Fair.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herta and Carl, sisters Nancy Nyren and Christa Russell, brother Richard Johnson, and wife, Lani.

Len is survived by his sons, Timothy Johnson, and Carl Johnson and daughter-in-law, Stephanie, grandchildren Kirsten, Hailey, and Aiden; brother-in-law Roy Nyren of Virginia, brother-in-law Rick Beck and his wife, Joan, and numerous nephews and nieces. For those wishing to pay their respects to Len, visitation hours will be between 4-7PM on Friday, August 12th at the Scott Funeral Home, 169 Main St. Terryville, with Military honors to follow and a celebration of life at the American Legion Post 20, 245 Main St. Terryville. Lions are asked to meet at the funeral home by 6:15PM for a Lions service at 6:30PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending donations to the Terryville Lions Charities. P.O. Box 72, Terryville, CT 06786 www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com

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Welch, David M.



David McCabe Welch, 36, of Hamden, CT tragically passed away August 2, 2022. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Born and raised in Hamden, David was the son of Edward and Elizabeth Welch and brother to Alexander Welch. He is survived by his parents, brother, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins who loved him. David was a 2004 graduate of Hamden High School. He received a certification in automotive technology from Gateway Community College in 2006. He worked as a highly skilled auto mechanic at Keating Automotive, as well as at various other mechanic shops. David loved working on cars, was an excellent cook, and greatly enjoyed classic music, especially Frank Sinatra. More than anything David enjoyed spending time with friends and family, willing to talk about any topic at anytime. He was sincerely interested in what everyone had to say. Everyone became his friend. David had a beautiful old soul. He gravitated toward the older generation. He loved talking and learning from their wisdom. David was a caring and empathetic person. He had a heart of gold and was willing to help anyone in need. He always made the time. David was smart, funny, and kind. He will be lovingly remembered by everyone whose lives he touched. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday morning at 10:00 in Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Hamden. Calling hours at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave, Hamden will be Friday from 4:00-8:00 pm. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude PL., Memphis, TN 38105. www.siskbrothers.com

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OBITUARIES

Lawlor, Lillian (Lawlor)



Lillian Lawlor Griswold, widow of Raymond A. Griswold Jr., the love of her life, passed away on August 3, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. They had been married 67 years when Raymond passed away in 2015. Lillian was born on February 5, 1929. The daughter of the late Edward Lawler and Elsie F. Lawler. A graduate of Madison Hand High School class of 1947, Lillian worked for many years as the bookkeeper of the Killingworth Garage. She was a member of the Killingworth Congregational Church and a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post 10097 in Fort Myers, FL. In her early years, when her boys were growing up, she taught Sunday school and was a 4-H leader. Lillian is survived by her son Paul S. and his wife Debra; three granddaughters, Christine L. and her husband John Ahearn, Ashley L. Griswold, and Jill M. and her husband Jay Garrish; brother Theodore C. Machold and his wife Patricia and nephew Theodore M. Machold. Lillian was predeceased by her parents and step-father Theodore M. Machold, her husband Raymond, and son Edward. She lived in Killingworth all of her life. When she and Ray retired, they spent a great deal of time at their place in Goshen, NH, which they both enjoyed. Lillian enjoyed her family and was very proud of her granddaughters, especially cherishing the great memories making Christmas cookies together. The family would like to thank the compassionate nurses on North 8 at Hartford Hospital. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Killingworth Congregational Church, 273 Route 81, Killingworth, CT 06419. Burial will immediately follow Mass in Evergreen Cemetery, Green Hill Rd., Killingworth. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lillian's name to the Killingworth Congregational Church, 273 CT-81, Killingworth, CT 06419 or The Estuary, 220 Main St., Old Saybrook, CT 06475.

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Ludwicki , Jacey S



It is with heavy heart to announce the passing of my beloved son Jacey Steven Ludwicki on July 13 2022. Jacey was the son of Steven and Donna Ludwicki and was a resident of New Britain. He attended Lincoln School, Chamberlain and graduated from E.C. Goodwin Tech. If you knew Jacey he loved to cook and worked in many restaurants throughout the New Britain area. After moving to California with his father he battled health issues. He leaves behind his father Steven, sister Shara Graves, many Aunts, cousins and nieces.

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Petzold, Aura C. (Frechette)

Aura Claire (Frechette) Petzold, 96, formerly of Middletown, died on Friday August 5, 2022 at Chestelm Health and Rehabilitation Center in Moodus. She was the daughter of the late Israel Frechette and Orena Roberts. She grew up in Putman, CT and graduated from Putnam High School. She moved to Middletown as a young adult and resided in Middletown most of her life. She was employed as a manager of Young's Office Supplies in Middletown, and later as a customer service specialist at Citizen's Bank in Cromwell. She was artistically talented and taught ceramic classes at Garvin's Ceramics in Portland and later in her home. After her retirement, she enjoyed spending the winters in Florida, returning to Connecticut in the spring. She is survived by her son, Lawrence Gevry, Jr., and his wife, Diane, of Higganum; four grandchildren: Allen Gevry and his wife, Tracey, of Londonderry, NH; David Gevry and his wife, Rasma, of Fanwood, NJ; Thomas Gevry of Higganum; and Elizabeth Goodrich and her husband, Calvin of Coventry, RI; two great grandsons; and several nieces and nephews. During her long life, she was widowed several times and was predeceased by her husbands; Lawrence Gevry, Sr., John Valeri, William Kitson, and William Petzold, Sr. She was also predeceased by her five sisters and three brothers. Her Funeral Liturgy will be held Wednesday (Aug. 10th) at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Church, Higganum. Burial will be in St. Sebastian Cemetery, Rockfall. Friends may call at St. Peter Church on Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send memorial contributions to St. Peter Church, PO Box 707, Higganum, CT 06441 or the Haddam Emergency Fuel Bank, c/o Haddam Social Services, 11 Jail Hill Rd., Haddam, CT 06438. Biega Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Rea, Diarmuid Noel



The Rea family is saddened to announce the passing on August 5, 2022, of Derm Rea, 89. Derm, or Dermie, was born in Hartford, CT, on January 4, 1933. He was born into difficult times by Irish immigrant parents (John & Sheelagh), living in project housing during the Great Depression. He bore the title of "Depression Baby" as a badge of honor his entire life.



He was raised in Hartford with his late brother John "Jack" Rea, and his late cousin Robert Kelleher. Derm graduated from Bulkeley High School in 1952, where he lettered in Swimming twice and was given the superlative "class cutest." In January 1953, Derm was drafted into the US Army. He served two years under the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Paris, France. Upon leaving the service in 1955, Derm started a 33-year career with the Southern New England Telephone Co. Derm married his beloved wife Janet in 1967. The two established a residence in Durham, CT, the same year. He lived there until his dying day. In addition to his wife, Derm is survived by his loving children: Heather (Jeff Emack), Brendan Sr., Justin, and Deirdre. He is also survived by his grandchildren, whom he was especially fond of: Sydney, Hannah, Brendan Jr., and Kathryn. Dermie always showed his love with his presence and support. He made a point to attend all of his posterity's sporting events, concerts, parties, and all other special events. Dermie enjoyed the simple things in life. He was such an avid Red Sox fan; he preferred to watch the Yankees lose over watching the Red Sox win. In addition, he enjoyed watching Patriots football and UCONN women's basketball. He had an enormous sweet tooth and was a bowl of rum raisin ice cream's worst enemy. Dermie was a friend to everyone and will be greatly missed. Graveside services, with military honors, will be held Thursday (Aug. 11th) at 10 a.m. at the CT State Veterans' Cemetery, Bow Lane, Middletown. Friends may call at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown, Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) at <https://www2.jdrf.org/> or JDRF, PO BOX 37920, Boone IA 50037-0920. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Gothreau, Judith S (Steves)



Judith S. Gothreau, 85, passed gently on July 28, 2022 surrounded by her children. Born and raised in West Hartford, she was the eldest child of Louis A. and Esther L. Steves (deceased) and is survived by her brother Roger Steves and sister Donna Futterleib. Judy settled at Amston Lake where she raised her six children: Gael Chase, Dale Winter, Ed Winter, Anne Saucier, Mary Gothreau and Libby Chowaniec. Although widowed and working to support her family, "Mrs. G." made time to volunteer as Den Mother for her sons' cub scout troop, teach bible study at the First Congregational Church of Hebron and attend the many varied activities of her kids. Her greatest joys were her ten grandchildren; Brittany and Brooke Winter, Josiah, Grace and Jonathan Winter, Julie Castillo, Michelle and Allie Saucier, Alyana Titus and Amelia Chowaniec along with her two great-grandchildren; Makenzie and Evelyn Castillo. Judy also left behind many cousins, nieces and nephews whom she loved. Judy truly never met a stranger. She made friends easily, with a smile and kind word for everyone. She is loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure.

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Organek, Ronald L.



Ronald Lawrence Organek, 80, of Middletown, beloved husband of Carol (Chalker) Organek, died Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. He was born in Middletown, son of the late Joseph and Josephine (Jagoda) Organek. Ron was a proud veteran serving with the US Army during the Vietnam War, as well as serving during Desert Storm while in the Army Reserves. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a copier technician with the Xerox Company. He was a devoted family man and always there to support his family and friends without exception. You could always count on him for some kind of story which would always include smiling and laughing. Ron was active in numerous veterans' organizations and groups throughout the State. He was the Founder and first president of the Greater Middletown Military Museum located on Ronald L Organek Way in Middletown, CT. He was a recipient of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce William Pomfret Award which recognizes a veteran for his community service. He had a cable television show and a newspaper column for more than 20 years, both called "Veterans Corner", which highlighted the accomplishments of the local veteran community. He was very active in the American Legion baseball program. Ron is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Scott Organek and his wife Lindsay of Vernon; daughter, Karen Organek of Middletown; his granddaughter, Madison; brother, William Organek and his wife Chris of Fort Mills, SC; and sister, Barbara Hetrick of West Hartford. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Joseph. A graveside service, with military honors, will be held on Saturday, August 13th at 9 a.m. at the State Veterans' Cemetery, Bow Lane, Middletown. Calling hours will be on Friday, August 12th from 4 to 6 p.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St. Middletown. Attendees are encouraged to dress casual for both and to share stories and laughter during the calling hours. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to The Greater Middletown Military Museum. Their website is <https://gmvm.com/> To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Puzzo, Sebastiano



Sebastiano Puzzo, 83, of Rocky Hill, passed away peacefully Monday, August 1, 2022. Sebastiano was born in Siracusa, Italy on January 29, 1939. He was the son of the late Frank and Josephine (Miccula) Puzzo. After moving to the United States, Sebastiano spent numerous years working in masonry. He and his wife, Gioconda (Maieli) Puzzo, of 59 years, owned and operated Maple Giant Grinder Shop in Hartford for over 30 years. Sebastiano was the most loving father to his three children, and a wonderful "Nonno" to his four grandchildren whom he adored. Along with his wife Gioconda he is survived by his daughters Josephine DiCicco and her husband Dominick, Santina Sosa and her husband Odovel; son Frank Puzzo; and his granddaughters Tiziana Puzzo, Lauren and Amandah Sosa and Danielle DiCicco. He is also survived by his brother Concetto Puzzo and his wife Frances; his brother and sister in laws: Carmelo and Lucia Maieli; Ellio and Gabriella Maieli, Ezio and Tina Maieli; and Tina Maiolino and late husband Frank Maiolino; and many nieces and nephews. Sebastiano "Nonno" was best known for his loving demeanor, passion for fishing, hunting and for being a proud member of The Italian American Stars Club where he enthusiastically partook in his weekly ritual of meeting up with his fellow members to order a cup of espresso. Sebastiano leaves his family with cherished memories for a lifetime. Riposa in Pace, Nonno, we love you endlessly. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Sebastiano's family TODAY, Tuesday August 9th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Duska Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, St. James Church, Rocky Hill. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. To share a condolence with his family please visit www.newingtonmemorial.com.



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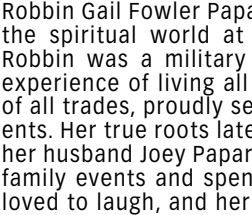
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Paparazzo, Robbin G. (Fowler)



Robbin Gail Fowler Paparazzo, 65 of Bethlehem entered the spiritual world at her home on August 7, 2022. Robbin was a military daughter who had the unique experience of living all over the world. She was a jack of all trades, proudly self-employed and adored her clients. Her true roots later in life were in Bethlehem with her husband Joey Paparazzo. Here they enjoyed hosting family events and spending time with loved ones. She loved to laugh, and her smile was contagious. Robbin had a beautiful, caring, positive soul. Her passions included her love for animals, and dedicating time to the Special Olympics. She spent a lot of her time on her deck, feeding the birds and caring for her plants. Robbin fully embraced her spiritual well-being and often enjoyed listening to sermons. She was predeceased by her brother Craig Fowler, Mother Jeanne Fowler, and Father Rollin Fowler. Surviving Robbin is her loving husband Joseph Paparazzo and his daughters as well as their families. She is survived by her siblings, Eric Fowler, Jan White, Jill Reeve, Tracy Fowler, Sharon Newcomb, several nieces and nephews and extended family. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, August 11th from 10-12pm at Munson Lovetere Funeral home located 2 School St, Woodbury, CT. Graveside service to immediately follow at Lakes Cemetery, 100 Lakes Rd, Bethlehem, CT. To leave an online condolence please visit www.munsonloveterefuneralhome.com.

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Rosa, Mario



We are heartbroken to announce the passing of Mario Rosa, known to many in his earlier years as Mario Santos. He passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday August 6th at the age of 69 in the care of his wife Marci Rosa. Mario owned a successful business for 20 years and enjoyed travel, boating, and photography. In addition to his wife Marci and children Jordan Rosa, Sarah Long, and two granddaughters, he leaves behind his mother Cecilia Santos, sister Mary Grace Antonio, her husband Joseph (Zeca) Antonio and children Steven and Stacey, and brother George Santos, his wife Naomi, and their children Julian and Lea. A private memorial service will be held later in the week in Little Tybee Island, GA where Mario and Marci were married. Marci and family ask that anyone who wishes to honor Mario's memory can do so via a charitable donation to: The Hospice of the Golden Isles in Brunswick, GA, The COPD Foundation, the American Heart Association, or a charity of your choosing.

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Steinmeyer, Sue L.

Sue L. Reneker Steinmeyer of Colebrook Village, Hebron, Connecticut went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 3, 2022. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, K. Paul Steinmeyer, by her son Paul R. Steinmeyer of Columbia, Connecticut, and by her sister Joy Reneker of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. There will be no calling hours. Interment will be private at the Columbia Ancient Burying Grounds. Sue was born on June 18, 1940. She was a 1967 graduate (magna cum laude) of the Hartt College of Music of the University of Hartford. She taught elementary music in Salem, Westbrook, Lebanon, and Columbia. She was Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance and Administration at Radiation Safety Associates, Inc. of Hebron, Connecticut until her retirement. Sue enjoyed bicycling, alpine skiing, and cross-country skiing. She went to Alaska to watch the Iditarod one year. She loved elephants and teddy bears, and had a keen eye for tasteful art. A memorial service will be held in the Wells Community Room at Colebrook Village in Hebron (55 John E. Horton Boulevard.) on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

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Temple, Diana Lee



Diana Lee Temple, 75, of Plainville, CT passed away on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at home after a short illness surrounded by her family. Diana was born on February 16, 1947 in New Britain. She was the daughter of the late Herbert and Elizabeth (Holcomb) Carlson. Diana was a graduate of Plainville High School. Diana married William Lee Temple Sr. on June 26, 1965. They were happily married for 57 years. Diana was a lifelong resident of Plainville, where she worked at Appell Drug Store for more than 30 years. In addition to her husband, William, she is survived by her sons William L Temple Jr. of Plainville; Robert J Temple of Bristol; her daughter Shirley E Welch of New Britain; her grandchildren Ashley, Matthew, and Marc Waddell; Bobbi (Temple) Achim and Jordan Temple; and Gina Temple; and her great-granddaughter Ella E Davis. Diana is also survived by a sister Patricia Burgess of Plainville, and a brother Richard Carlson of Vermont. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. Her hobbies included watching Uconn Women Huskies games, playing basketball, and most of all, spending time with her family- especially Ella. Sheloved working for Appell/ Riteaid where she developed pictures in the photo lab. She also loved Misquamicut Beach. Diana truly will be missed by her family and friends. Services will be held at Luddy and Peterson's Funeral Home, 205 South Main St. New Britain CT on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 9am to 12pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

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Sweeney, Kevin



Kevin Brian Sweeney died on August 6, 2022, at Hartford Hospital at the age of 60, surrounded by his loving family. Kevin was born on December 11, 1961, in Norwich, CT to Mary Elizabeth (Shea) Sweeney and the late Paul Joseph Sweeney. He was the loving father of Kristen Michelle (Sweeney) Rapisarldi, grandfather to

Gianna and Luca, and devoted partner to Carmela Calafiore. Kevin graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 1979 and went on to graduate from Boston College, class of 1983. He received his MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1995. For more than 30 years, he worked in information technology at Aetna, rising the ranks to Executive Director of CVS Health following its acquisition of Aetna. Kevin lived his Christian values through action. He woke up each day with an agenda to do good and impacted the lives of many through his generosity, relentless positivity, and dry sense of humor and wit. Kevin had a unique ability to make those around him laugh and feel much better about themselves at the same time. Kevin was "all in," could always be counted on, and was true to his word. His family benefited from his selflessness as did countless members of his community. As a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus, he was responsible for leading coat drives and serving meals to those in need. In addition to his kindness and sense of humor, Kevin had an incredibly sharp mind and was recognized in the top ten of his high school class with countless academic honors. Kevin was most proud of being a father. His daughter Kristen was his world, and he was elated to walk her down the aisle to her husband Sal, and more recently hold his two beloved grandchildren. Kevin was incredibly fortunate to meet Carmela, his life partner who shared his love for family and brought immense joy to him and the whole extended Sweeney family. With Carmela, Kevin leaves behind a luscious garden, which he referred to as his "jardino," with no shortage of delicious vegetables to be shared with others to enjoy. Kevin was very proud of his Irish heritage, but also enjoyed his "adopted" Italian heritage with meals in Boston's North End and Providence's Federal Hill. He never missed a Birthday and loved to celebrate your special day. He was also an avid Boston sports fan. Kevin is survived by his mother Mary Sweeney, his partner Carmela Calafiore, his daughter Kristen Rapisarldi, son-in-law Salvatore Rapisarldi, and grandchildren Gianna Rose and Salvatore Luca Rapisarldi. He is also survived by his six siblings: Joyce Sweeney, Paul Sweeney, Susan Sweeney Walsh, Sheila Sweeney Hummel, John Sweeney, Patrick Sweeney, brother-in-law John Walsh, sister-in-law Nancy Sweeney, and his nieces Kathryn Walsh Narrow (David), Cate Sweeney, Margaret Sweeney, Alexa Sweeney, and nephews Christopher Sansone, Jack Walsh, Zack Hummel, Brian Sweeney, Andrew Hummel, and Michael Walsh, along with many cousins, aunts, an uncle, members of the Calafiore and Rapisarldi family, and loved ones. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am on Thursday August 11th at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Rocky Hill, CT. Visitation will be held from 4pm - 7pm on Wednesday August 10th at Brooklawn Funeral Home, 511 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT. If anyone is so inclined, donations may be sent to the Knights of Columbus <https://www.cromwellkofc.com>, Mass General Cancer Center please specify Neuroendocrine and Pituitary Tumor Clinical Center, or the Neuroendocrine Research Laboratory at Massachusetts General Hospital in his memory <https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate>. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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Tashjian, James S.



James S. "Jack" Tashjian, 90, beloved husband for 53 years of the late Julia H. (Zakarian) Tashjian, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 5, 2022. James was born in Bridgeport, son of the late Garabed and Heghine (Godosian) Tashjian, graduated from Bullard Haven Technical School, and received his Associates Degree from the University of Hartford. He proudly served his country in

the United States Navy during the Korean War. James was employed with the Town of Windsor in the Public Works Department, retiring after over 25 years of service. He was a faithful member of St. George Armenian Apostolic Church in Hartford for over 60 years and dedicated a large portion of his life to serving the parish. James was the longest standing member of the Knights of Vartan-Gamsaragan, a lifetime Mason with Washington Lodge #70, and was an officer with the Governors Foot Guard. He was also a volunteer fireman with the Hayden Station Fire Department for many years. James was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and dear friend. He will fondly be remembered as a man who was generous with his time, talents, and resources, and loved spending time with his family and friends. James was an extremely hard worker and was dedicated to his job and the Town of Windsor. James enjoyed tending to his vegetable garden and loved hosting the family gatherings in his backyard. He was an avid bowler, and when his children were younger, he coached Little League. In his retirement, James and Julia loved to cruise together and spend quality time with their grandchildren. James is survived by his children, Sherri Vega and her significant other Jeff O'Donnell of Windsor, James Tashjian and his wife Vicki of Florida, Lisa Tashjian of Florida, and Charles Tashjian and his wife Laura of Sandy Hook; his siblings, Henry Tashjian and his wife Helen, and Rose Avakian; his grandchildren, Rosanne, Julie, Marissa, Nicholas, Jacob, Noah, and Sarah; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and dear wife, Julia, he was predeceased by his son-in-law, Juan Vega; his brother, Benjamin Tashjian and his wife Shirley; and his brothers-in-law, Herbert Avakian and Jacob Zakarian. His family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 10, 5-7 p.m., with a wake service to start at 7 p.m., at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, August 11, 11 a.m., at St. George Armenian Apostolic Church, 22 White St., Hartford. Burial, with Military Honors, will follow in Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Donations in memory of James may be made to the St. George Armenian Apostolic Church, 22 White St., Hartford, CT 06114. To leave a condolence for his family, visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Cheesecake, among the dessert items offered at the pop-up restaurant, is displayed July 25 in front of a portrait of the cast of the 1980s sitcom “The Golden Girls” at the Golden Girls Kitchen in Beverly Hills, California. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP PHOTOS**

Eatery thanks you for being a friend

Pop-up’s popularity latest example of sitcom’s rise in pop culture relevancy

By **Terry Tang**
Associated Press

Picture it: A vacant Beverly Hills, California, bistro has been transformed into the set of a 1980s sitcom about four women living in Miami — but it’s also a working restaurant.

Reservations have been going fast at the recently opened Golden Girls Kitchen. Some patrons have come from out of state to see the pop-up eatery.

Joe Saunders, of Cranston, Rhode Island, his two teenage children and their mother were visiting Northern California when they learned about the pop-up. So they made a special trip south just to see it.

“I was a little hesitant about coming, but my kids’ mom really wanted to come,” said Saunders, who was wearing a T-shirt referencing the sitcom’s fictitious Shady Pines retirement home. “It’s been a good time ... the lasagna, the strawberry daiquiri, and I’m going to have a piece of cake with ice cream, too.”

Thirty years after “The Golden



Girls” ended on NBC, fans still can’t let go of the sitcom about four housemates — Dorothy, Rose, Blanche and Sophia — bonding

over aging, dating and cheesecake. The first month of reservations sold out before the pop-up opened July 30, which the internet deems

National Golden Girls Day.

It’s just the latest example of the comedy rising to pop culture relevancy again. In just the past few months, the first Golden-Con fan convention was held in Chicago and a pilot for an animated, futuristic “Golden Girls” series is being shopped around.

Bucket Listers, an online events company, organized the pop-up. It had the blessing of Disney, which owns the rights to “The Golden Girls.” So, organizers were free to put Easter egg references in the decor and the menu.

Upon walking in, fans are immediately greeted by a bartender at the Shady Pines bar. Further inside is a replica of the women’s kitchen counter, complete with a yellow wall phone. Behind the dining room is a recreation of Blanche’s bedroom, including the iconic banana leaf bedspread and wall-paper.

“It has been so heartwarming to see my mom light up. I know that she’s watched the show at least 50 times each season,” said A.J.

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Jo Koy, center, stars in “Easter Sunday,” which DreamWorks/Universal is touting as the first big studio movie with an all-Filipino ensemble. **ED ARAQUEL/UNIVERSAL PICTURES**

Filipinos are front and center in ‘Easter Sunday’

Koy’s feature film debut inspired by stand-up material

By **Terry Tang**
Associated Press

For a comedy, Jo Koy’s new movie “Easter Sunday” had a lot of waterworks.

The film was no ordinary job for the comedian and the rest of the cast. The magnitude of being on a mostly Filipino set led to happy cry-fests, Koy said. Emotions really hit when co-star Tia Carrere pointed out this was her first time play-

ing a Filipino character in her 40-year career.

“To be able to be right there in a scene with five other Filipino actors and just doing a scene about a family ... She never saw that before,” Koy, 51, said. “We all just kind of like teared up and just celebrated together because it’s like ‘OK, this is going to be one of many moments up here.’”

Koy, who is half Filipino and half white, is making his feature film debut in a movie largely inspired by the material from his Netflix stand-up specials. DreamWorks/Universal is touting “Easter Sunday,” now in

theaters, as the first big studio movie with an all-Filipino ensemble.

Koy plays Joe Valencia, a comic and aspiring actor who goes home to the San Francisco Bay Area for the titular holiday. He attempts to bond with his teenage son while dealing with well-meaning but overbearing relatives.

The production comes at a time when Filipino American food, history and advocacy are increasingly emerging into the zeitgeist.

“Finally our stories, our faces

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‘EASTER SUNDAY’ ★★ ½

Koy’s Filipino family sets table for feuds, gags, hits and misses

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

Years from now, nobody’s going to watch “Easter Sunday” for lessons in how to frame and cut visual comedy, or the right number of OMG! reaction shots (the film’s got a million of ‘em). And yet, years from now, “Easter Sunday” will still make people smile. The folks on the screen are the whole show, and this genial showcase for stand-up comic Jo Koy has the advantage of showing off a wealth of Asian/Pacific American talent, badly undervalued by establishment Hollywood.

The movie was originally slated for an Easter premiere; the pandemic release shuffle pushed it back to August. But since the latest big action film is kind of a drag, a smaller-scale comedy offering a fair number of laughs and sending the audience out with an intergenerational karaoke rendition of “I Gotta Feeling” hits the spot. Even with its misses.

Koy, who is Filipino American, has been mining his Filipino family, particularly his needling, guilt-inducing, loving mother, on tour and comedy specials for years. “Easter Sunday” expands those routines into a script by Kate Angelo (“The Back-up Plan,” “Sex Tape”) and Ken Cheng (“Sin City Saints”). The Koy character, Joe Valencia, is



Lydia Gaston, left, and Jo Koy in the comedy “Easter Sunday.” ED ARAQUEL/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

a medium-successful, perpetually hustling performer based in Los Angeles, best known as a beer spokesman. He’s up for a series regular spot on a network sitcom. Problem: The brass wants him to do the role with a funny accent.

There are other problems in Joe’s life: In between passive-aggressive calls with his agent (played by the film’s director, Jay Chandrasekhar), he scrambles

to be a decent single father to his high school-age son (Brandon Wardell) while covering the \$35K in private schooling. Plus, it’s Easter, which is epically important to Joe’s fractious Daly City family in the Bay Area. A feud between his mother (Lydia Gaston) and his Tita Theresa (Tia Carrere) threatens to mess up the weekend. Joe and his son road-trip to Daly City to patch things up.

Some of the writing’s excellent, on point and ruefully funny, as when Joe and his serenely out-of-it cousin Eugene (Eugene Cordero) reflect on how much easier it is to please each other’s respective mothers. A formulaic romance for the youngest characters, played by Wardell and Eva Noblezada, actually feels like it matters. Chandrasekhar and editor Steven Sprung don’t do much to flatter the perform-

ers or maximize the ensemble vibe, and the action scenes tend to devolve in blurs and noise. But the best scenes, the hang-around segments where we’re just eavesdropping on this or that argument, include a welcome appearance by Tiffany Haddish as a ghosted ex of Joe’s.

In his stand-up specials, Koy likes his knob to stay at 11. The all-out performance segments in “Easter Sunday,” when Koy grabs a microphone in church to broker a peace agreement between his mother and aunt, for example, should kill, but they’re the film’s least persuasive sections.

The most effective parts breathe easier, relying on weird detours and off-kilter running gags, allowing Koy and company to not act — just be, and create a companionable movie version of an authentically observed family. That’s what makes this ramshackle vehicle run. After all: What is family but a crisscrossing series of running gags, in every possible key?

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How to watch: In theaters

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are front and center on the big screen,” said Carrere, 55, who is known for movies such as “Wayne’s World,” “True Lies” and “Lilo & Stitch.” “I have to pinch myself that I’m still here, still in the business and invited to the party.”

Jimmy O. Yang (“Crazy Rich Asians,” “Love Hard”), who has a cameo in “Easter Sunday,” also served as a producer. That meant watching many, many audition tapes of actors of Filipino or Asian descent. Yang was blown away by the talent. It made casting 10 roles that much tougher. He thinks Hollywood claims that capable Asian actors are hard to find are just lazy excuses.

“As an actor, I’m like, all of these guys are so good. How did I ever get a job?” Yang said. “Some of them I wanted to call them and be like ‘Hey, man! Please keep going OK? We just couldn’t hire you for this job but please keep going.’”

“Easter Sunday,” directed by Jay Chandrasekhar, is set in the heavily Filipino suburb of Daly City where screenwriter Ken Cheng immigrated to as a kid. He envisioned a mix of Ice Cube’s “Friday” and the holiday flick “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

A producer, too, Cheng wrote it in 2020 during lockdown. He then turned to Steven Spielberg, whose Amblin Partners is co-producing. Within a few hours the legendary director read it and gave his approval, according to Cheng.

“From that day to the first day we started shooting was something like five and a half months. And that’s like insanely fast,” Cheng said. “A lot of that is how enthusiastic everyone was about building a movie around Jo.”

Hollywood is populated with notable half-Filipino actors such as Vanessa Hudgens and Darren Criss. But Koy is the one leaning into his heritage in his work.

For example, he wanted a scene in “Easter Sunday” showing the family packing customary balikbayan boxes. Filipinos, usually first-generation immigrants, typically send boxes with American



Joe (Jo Koy) does a routine for his church congregation in “Easter Sunday.” ED ARAQUEL/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

goods to relatives in the Philippines. Mailing balikbayan boxes is practically its own industry.

“There’s this responsibility that they put on their shoulders when they make it to this country,” Koy said. “I see that with a lot of Filipino families, and I wanted to show the world that’s how important this is to us.”

Today, Filipinos make up over 4 million of the country’s 23 million-plus Asian population, according to the U.S. Census. Only Chinese and Indians number more. Filipino culture and history have been gaining more mainstream visibility in recent years — mostly because of decadeslong activism by Filipinos.

This year, a 30-foot tall gate-

way arch was unveiled in Los Angeles’ Historic Filipinotown and a street in New York City’s Queens was co-named Little Manila Avenue. A newly built Bay Area park was named for striking Filipino American farmworkers. For years, Filipino food has been hailed off and on as the next culinary trend. It seems to be having a moment again in the fine dining world. Chicago’s Kasama became the only Michelin-starred Filipino restaurant in the country.

“Easter Sunday” is coming during “this really amazing moment in Asian American history and Filipino American history, where political, social and economic capital has all come together,” said Eric Pido, an Asian

American Studies professor at San Francisco State University with a background in Filipino American studies.

He predicts younger generations will raise Filipinos’ profiles in the next few years.

“I think Filipino Americans are no longer shying away from sort of taking a representational role in American politics, which will bring up all sorts of interesting things about Filipino American culture that lots of folks just don’t think about,” Pido said.

In July, Koy and Cheng attended a screening of “Easter Sunday” in Daly City. Among the people there was the director of Pixar’s “Turning Red,” Domee Shi. “Turning Red,” about

a Chinese Canadian teenage girl and her family, was a hit after its March release on Disney+. But a white film reviewer called the animated feature exhausting and only relatable for Shi’s Chinese family and friends. The review was later pulled over accusations of racism.

The idea that stories that focus on Asian ethnicities and cultures are too specific to be appealing is just outdated, Koy said.

“The relationship between a mother and son is the same no matter what ethnicity,” Koy said. “I hate ignorant people that don’t move forward ... There’s a lot of people that live in this country that need to be heard and it’s time to hear it.”



The theme song to the television series “The Golden Girls” is featured in neon lettering at the Golden Girls Kitchen pop-up restaurant. CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Pop-up

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Maloney, 23, who came from San Diego with her mother, Shellee, 45.

Derek Berry, Bucket Listers’ director of experiences, has plenty of experience staging pop-ups. Since 2016, he has overseen half-a-dozen restaurant tributes starting with a “Saved By the Bell” diner in Chicago. “Breaking Bad,” “Beverly Hills 90210” and “Good Burger” have also inspired fast-casual diners.

Berry’s criteria for the pop-up treatment is if a show has “staying power” and people are constantly quoting it. “The Golden Girls” was inevitable. “Every time we announce a pop-up, we look at the comments. People are like ‘I love it, but you should have done this!’ And it’s always ‘Golden Girls,’” said Berry, who worked with a 45-member team.

One of the most fun aspects was working with executive chef Royce Burke to devise menu

items and to name them. The choices, of course, include lasagna — which the Sicilian-born Sophia often cooked — and various flavors of cheesecake. There are also references to Scandinavian delicacies mentioned by Rose in her stories about her hometown of St. Olaf, Minnesota.

“I like all the St. Olaf items where you never knew if they were real or not,” Berry said. “We threw a couple on there. It’s so fun to see my staff and myself try to pronounce them.”

The pop-up only has reservations through late October. But its popularity has been beyond expectations. So much so that there are plans to take it on the road to New York, Chicago, San Francisco and, of course, Miami, Berry added.

“The Golden Girls” premiered in 1985. None of the four stars are alive. Bea Arthur, Rue McClanahan and Estelle Getty all died in the late 2000s, while Betty White died in December at age 99.

Yet, because of cable reruns and streaming availability on Hulu, the show keeps finding

new life and new, younger fans. The widely varying demographics of the restaurant’s patrons are proof of that.

Moses Nicholas and his girlfriend, Johanna James, both 18 and from Los Angeles, had a date over vegan lasagna and vegan cheesecake. Their reservation was a surprise gift from James’ mother, who knew they both grew up watching “The Golden Girls” in syndication and still catch it on Hulu.

“There’s something so relatable to the show for me for some reason,” Nicholas said. “I just find it really funny, and it’s very comforting to watch.”

The couple’s ages are just proof the show “never dies,” James added.

Shirley Lyon and her three girlfriends, all senior citizens, came from Palos Verdes, California. Just being in the restaurant brought back the joy they feel when watching the sitcom.

“People here, I think, all love them,” Lyon said. “I don’t think anybody comes who hasn’t experienced how precious they are. I just love their friendship.”

CELEBRITIES

Minaj to be honored at VMAs

From news services

Nicki Minaj will be honored with the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award at this month's MTV Video Music Awards in Newark, New Jersey, organizers announced.

Minaj, a 10-time Grammy nominee who's sold more than 100 million records, is the second female rapper selected for the Video Vanguard Award, following 2019 recipient Missy Elliott.

"Nicki has broken barriers for women in hip-hop with her versatility and creative artistry," Viacom executive Bruce Gillmer said Monday.

"She has shifted the music industry and cemented her status as a global superstar with her crossover appeal, genre-defying style and continuing to be unapologetically 'Nicki.'"

Minaj — whose hits include "Super Bass," "Anaconda" and "Starships" — is a five-time winner at the VMAs.

Her nomination in the best hip hop category for "Do We Have a Problem?" at this year's ceremony is the 17th VMAs nod of her career.

This year's show will take place Aug. 28 at the Prudential Center.

The Video Vanguard Award was introduced at the very first VMAs ceremony in 1984, with past recipients of the honor including the Beatles, Madonna, Jackson, LL Cool J, Beyoncé, Rihanna and Jennifer Lopez. It was last awarded in 2019.

Anne Heche in hospital after crash: Actor Anne Heche was in the hospital Saturday following a crash in which her car smashed into a house and flames erupted, a spokeswoman said.

"Anne is currently in stable condition. Her family and friends ask for your thoughts and prayers and to respect her privacy



Nicki Minaj, seen in 2018, will receive the Vanguard Award at the MTV Video Music Awards. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/AP

during this difficult time," Heather Duffy Boylston, Heche's friend and podcast partner, said in a statement.

Heche's speeding car came to a T-shaped intersection and ran off the road and into the house in the Mar Vista section of Los Angeles' westside shortly before 11 a.m. Friday, Los Angeles police Officer Tony Im said.

The car came to a stop inside the two-story house and started a fire that took nearly 60 firefighters more than an hour to douse, the Los Angeles Fire Department said.

Television news video showed a blue Mini Cooper Clubman, badly damaged and burned, being towed out of the home, with a woman sitting up on a stretcher and struggling as firefighters put her in an ambulance.

No other injuries were reported, and no arrests have been made. Police detectives are investigating.

Heche first came to prominence on the NBC soap opera "Another World" from 1987 to 1991. She won a Daytime Emmy Award for the role.

'Bullet Train' wins box office in opening weekend: Brad Pitt's "Bullet Train" zoomed ahead of the competition.

The high-energy action comedy sped to a \$30.1 million opening weekend in North America to lead all films.

Pitt stars in the movie as an unlucky assassin whose assignment to recover a briefcase from a Japanese locomotive becomes a life-or-death mission thanks to competing mercenaries on the train. "Super-Pets" fetched \$11.2 million between Friday and Sunday to finish in second place. "Nope" came in third place during its third weekend in theaters, adding \$8.5 million to bring its overall earnings to \$97 million.

Aug. 9 birthdays: Comedian David Steinberg is 80. Actor Sam Elliott is 78. Singer Barbara Mason is 75. Actor Melanie Griffith is 65. Rapper Kurtis Blow is 63. "Today" co-host Hoda Kotb is 58. Actor Gillian Anderson is 54. Actor Eric Bana is 54. Actor Kevin McKidd is 49. Actor Jessica Capshaw is 46. Actor Anna Kendrick is 37.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Wonderful man might not be good match

Dear Amy: I've been dating a man for seven months. He is absolutely wonderful. We are even talking about marriage, except that we don't see eye-to-eye on politics. This was made even more apparent with the Supreme Court ruling in the Dobbs case.

We resolved to adopt a "we have different viewpoints, but we support" rule.

Yesterday, I asked the question: "Are you vaccinated against COVID-19?"

I was almost scared to hear his answer because I knew what it would be, and sure enough — he has not been vaccinated.

It is my fault for not having this conversation earlier in the relationship, because I have lupus and am taking several immunosuppressive medications.

With the newest COVID-19 variant being so contagious, I am worried that he will end up catching the virus, and then I would catch it.

When I asked if he would get vaccinated for me, he said "No," and gave me a long list of political reasons why. How do I explain how important this is to my health?

I have five kids (all under the age of 18) from my previous marriage. With my health issues, I worry about leaving my children behind too soon, should the worst happen.

Should I just throw away a relationship that makes me happy? Should I end it over political differences?

— Vulnerable

Dear Vulnerable: You see this issue as somehow being about politics, but you're the person with

lupus and five children. You're the person already worried about your life being shortened by your autoimmune disease.

So this isn't about politics. This is about science, safety and health.

This man's vaccination could benefit him, his colleagues, neighbors and family members. He's already decided that he's not willing to do that.

Of course he won't get vaccinated for you! If he cared about your health, he would do everything possible to guard your health.

My question is: Why don't you care more about your health? You have a serious chronic illness. You are medically vulnerable. You also have five children who need you.

Yes — as you point out, this is on you. It is hard to understand why you would start a new relationship during a pandemic without asking a potential partner's vaccination status prior to meeting.

It is an unfortunate situation, but your guy has already made a choice. Now it's your turn.

Dear Amy: I have been friends with "Charlotte" for 35 years.

Nine years ago, because we were both widowed, we agreed to rent an apartment together.

At first it was wonderful; however, slowly she began to criticize and correct me, especially in front of my children and friends.

I have repeatedly told her how this makes me feel, but then she says I'm overreacting. How do I get her to stop? This has affected our friendship to the point where I can't stand being around her in

social settings.

Is this a sign of senility, or is she being a bully?

— Fed Up

Dear Fed Up: This behavior could be a sign of senility, certainly if you have asked "Charlotte" not to belittle and correct you and she continues to do so.

However, aside from telling her how this makes you feel, you don't report asking her to stop doing it.

It might be time for you two to have a serious heart-to-heart. I'm talking about a meeting where you review your living arrangement to see if it is still viable. Charlotte's ongoing critique of you might indicate that she has grown unhappy with being your roommate. You are obviously unhappy.

If you decide to continue as roommates, you should tell Charlotte that moving forward you expect her not to criticize you in front of others, and if she persists, you will remind her publicly to stop.

Dear Amy: Responding to "Loving, but Sad Sister," whose brother left out factual details in the obituary of their father — I suggest that she write and publish her own!

As a librarian, I fulfilled many requests for newspaper obituaries. These death notices last forever, and she should correct the record.

— Retired Librarian

Dear Librarian: Great advice.

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TV Q&A

When shows move from TV to streaming, are there alternatives?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Q: I just wanted to say a lot of people don't have access to streaming services like Hulu, Disney+, Discovery+, Netflix, Prime Video and so on. It would be hard to watch things we like — "SEAL Team," "Dancing with the Stars" and so much more — if we don't have a way. Do you know of some way we can watch these shows after they leave regular TV? We pay more than enough for cable and streaming would cost more.

A: This and many other questions here have mentioned the dilemma of seeing shows that are streaming when you don't have access to streamers. And it's going to get tougher for some viewers; NBC recently announced it is moving new episodes of its daytime drama "Days of Our Lives" from broadcast to its streaming service Peacock in September, with the old "Days" broadcast slot going to a new series, "NBC News Daily."

In a statement about moving "Days," the chairman of NBCUniversal Television and Streaming said, "This programming shift benefits both Peacock and NBC and is reflective of our broader strategy to utilize our portfolio to maximize reach and strengthen engagement with viewers. With a large percentage of the 'Days of Our Lives' audience already watching digitally, this move enables us to build the show's loyal fan base on streaming while simultaneously bolstering the network daytime offering with an urgent, live programming opportunity for partners and consumers."

Which does not help the people who only watch "Days" via broadcast or cable, and who do not have, want or understand



NBC's daytime drama "Days of Our Lives" is the latest show to move from broadcast television to streaming. DREAMSTIME

streaming. For those folks, this pretty much sucks.

But remember when cable came along? Instead of your TV options being on a limited number of broadcast stations, you were expected to pay to get the larger range of offerings on cable. It was a way for programmers to make more money. And so is streaming, which pursues people who have cut their cable cords or are willing to pay extra to see something specific such as extra sports or "Star Trek" sequels.

Televised entertainment companies are not charities. There's money in streaming — money that can make up for declines in broadcast, cable and other areas — and they want it.

What remains to be seen is whether some of those streamers will last. The paid-for streamers are operating in a universe with not only other paid streamers but also more and more free ones, leading to pain for some providers. Services have also looked at their pricing for ways to be more competitive. Many services have set up multiple pricing tiers, for example by offering a lower-priced tier that includes commercials.

Even then, consumers

are looking at other ways to cope.

Kourtnee Jackson of CNET.com recently urged viewers: "Churn like ice cream. ... Subscribe for a period, cancel, choose a different service, then resubscribe, keeping your favorites in a rotation. Feel free to pick one or two must-haves for the year and treat additional streaming providers like seasonal add-ons. The upside is that you get to save money when Netflix, Disney+, HBO Max and others don't have the content you want to watch at a given time. Just remember to shut off auto-renewal for your monthly subscription."

Again, this does not help all viewers, especially when some shows do not find their way from streaming to "regular TV," digital or discs because streamers want to keep them in-house as consumer draws. But harsh as this all is, it's economic reality.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): Gifts could come with strings attached today. If you're losing your ability to make your own decisions, it might not be a fair trade. Put in the work — it can seem tedious, but it'll ultimately do wonders for your confidence.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may have your heart set on brokering peace in a tricky situation today. A deep difference in worldview might be better off honestly acknowledged rather than smoothed over. Though candor can be uncomfortable, it also holds the potential for genuine growth.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You may feel like your financial well-being is in someone else's hands at the moment. Even if there are grains of truth to your grievances, you're not seeing your own contributions to the situation. Take your complaints seriously, though, as they might contain seeds of what you need to address.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You could be concerned about looking good at this point — not just physically, but morally too. You might easily cross the line into painting another person as the villain when the truth is really a little more complicated. A jury of your peers is likely to call you out on your exaggerations.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You might push yourself to engage in outwardly productive activity, even if no one else would really be bothered by you having a quieter day. You might find certain benefits that make your efforts seem worth it. Just be clear with yourself that this is your own decision.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Peer pressure could go in both directions today. You might make an effort to outwardly conform to the expectations of a group you belong to. However, you may also be using your compliance on the surface stuff to subtly maneuver bigger issues according to your will.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pushing ahead in your career could come with some costs now. You can get noticed for opportunities that would be hard to turn down — but you already have competing commitments in other areas of your life. Reconfiguring responsibilities at home may be possible, but you'll need to ask openly.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Smoothing over the rougher parts of your beliefs may be tempting now. You might feel a desire to sound less edgy in order to get along with others. Consider the possibility that being candid about your ideas can help you discover the people you truly connect with.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Being generous could make you feel good about yourself. However, you might have to look critically at whether the recipient enjoys the experience as much as you do. If you truly want to help someone, assisting them with chores can provide a lift without provoking guilt.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may prefer that people see you as a little bit intimidating today. This desire is likely rooted in fear that they'll take advantage of you otherwise. Doing something fun with others could help you find a peaceful middle ground. Just relax and follow what feels good in the moment!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Improving your environment and making it look perfect might be an irresistible project today. Is that focus a distraction from heavier issues that you don't feel equipped to confront? You can use the time you spend quietly working alone to think. Pin down what outcome you're looking for.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): The atmosphere in your social network could be oppressively heavy at the moment. What you want for your own comfort can be different from what others involved actually need. If you're afraid that you don't know the right words, take a beat and just listen.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 9, 1854, Henry David Thoreau's "Walden" was first published.

In 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, a U.S. B-29 Superfortress code-

named Bockscar dropped a nuclear device ("Fat Man") over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

In 1969, actor Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally slain at Tate's home; Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crime.

In 1995, Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grate-

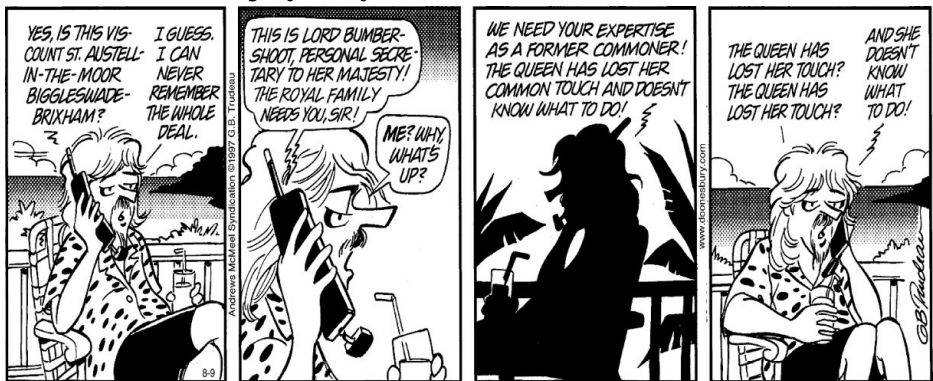
ful Dead, died in Forest Knolls, California, of a heart attack at age 53.

In 2014, Michael Brown Jr., a Black 18-year-old, was shot to death by a police officer following an altercation in Ferguson, Missouri; Brown's death led to sometimes violent protests in Ferguson and other U.S. cities, spawning a national "Black Lives Matter" movement.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



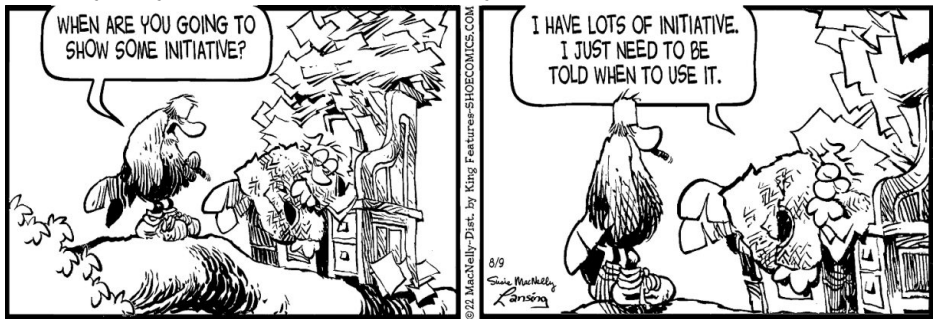
Classic Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Garfield By Jim Davis



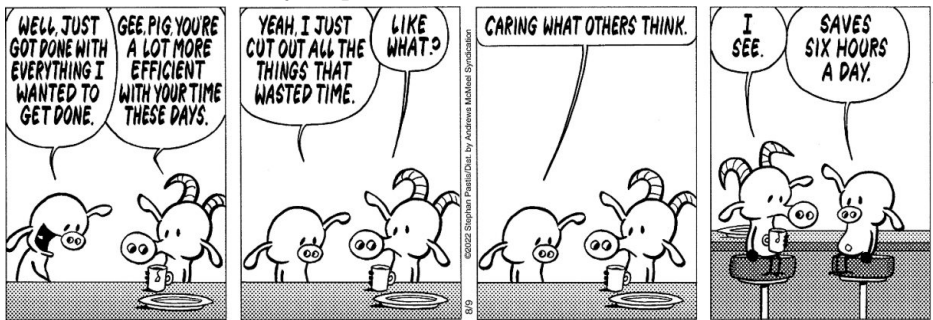
Shoe By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly



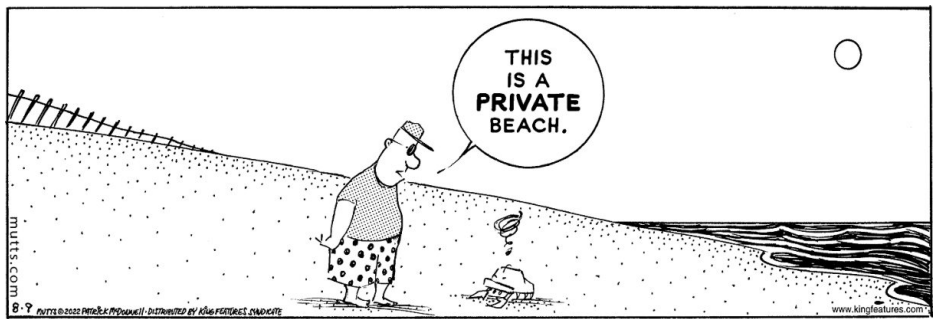
Dustin By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker



Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis



Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



Arctic Circle By Alex Hallatt



Jump Start By Robb Armstrong



Get Fuzzy By Darby Conley



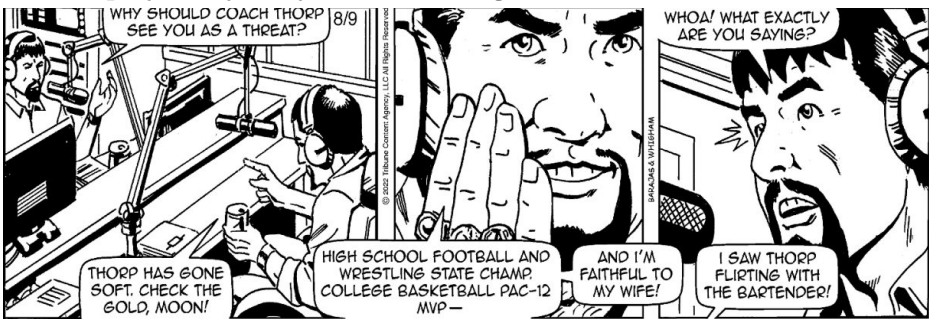
Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



Dilbert By Scott Adams



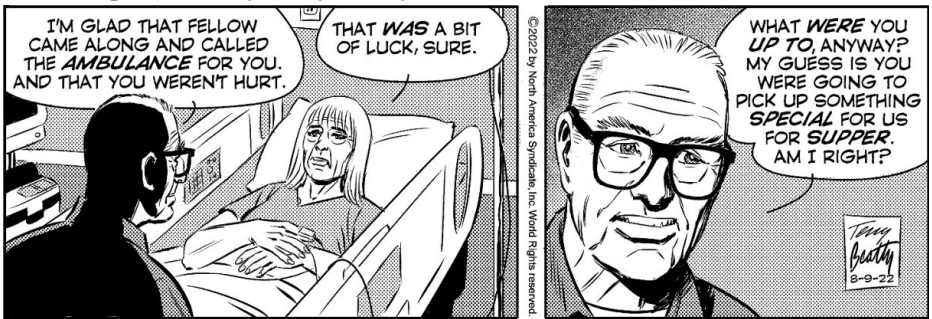
Gil Thorp By Henry Barajas and Rod Whigham



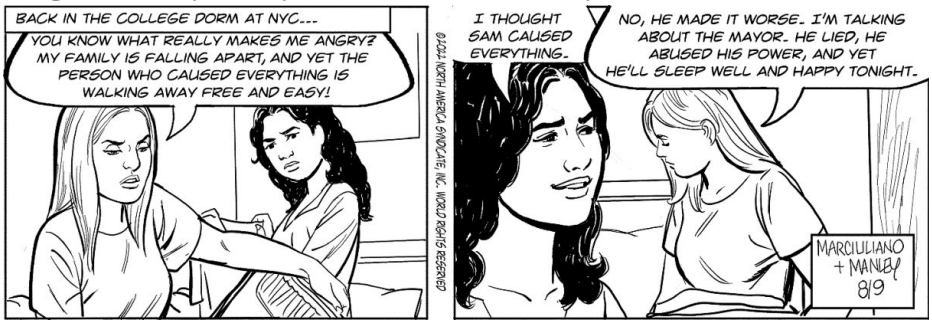
Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman



Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty



Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley



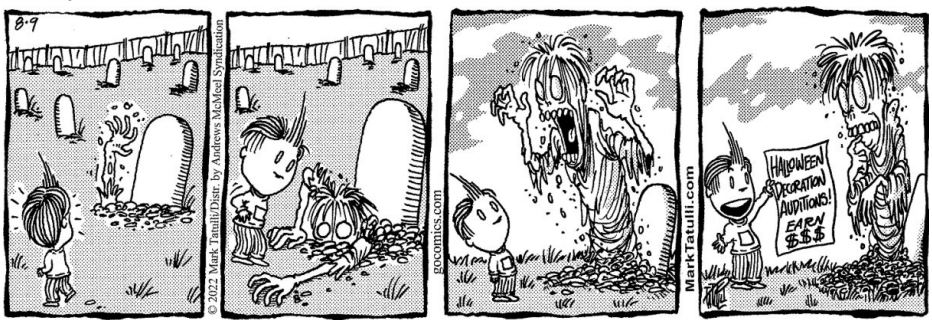
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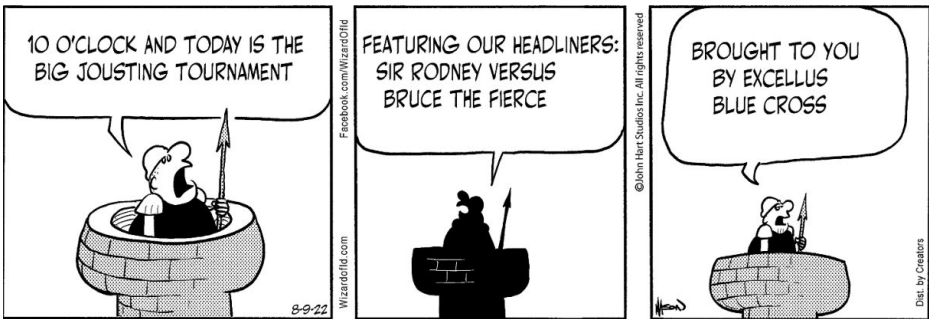
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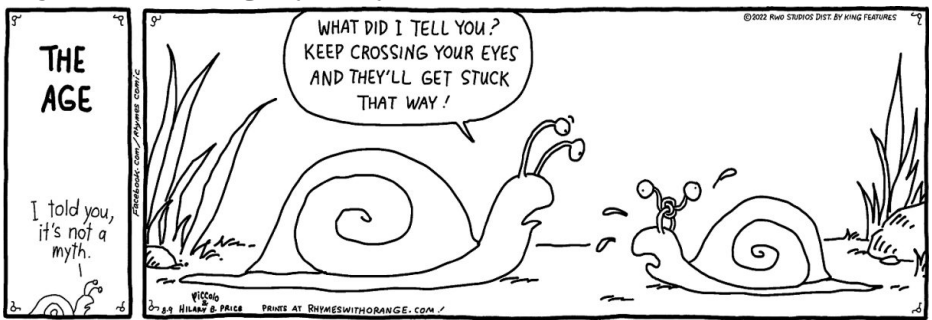
Lio By Mark Tatulli



Wizard Of Id By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker



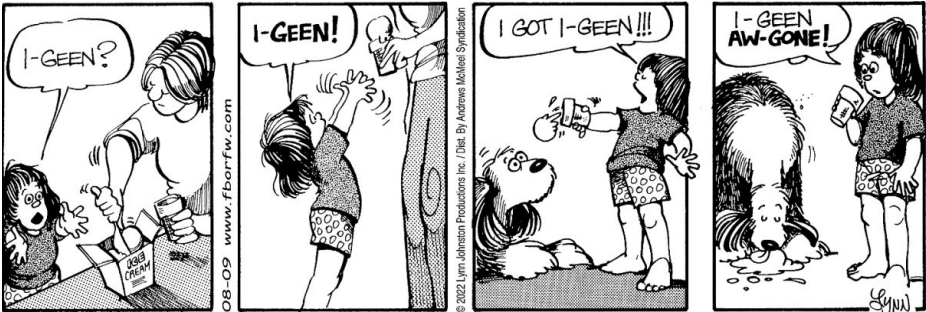
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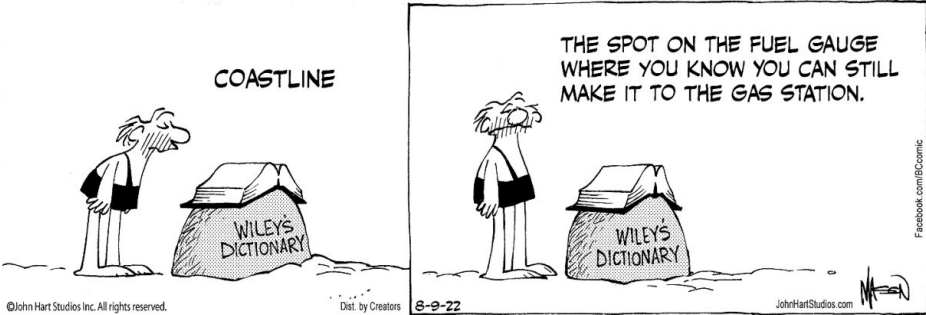
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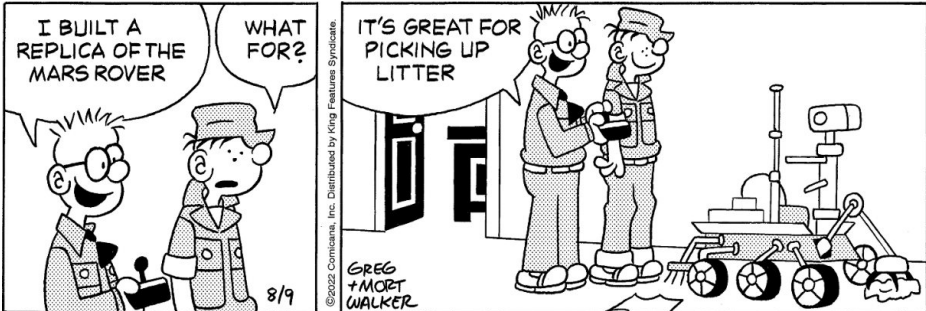
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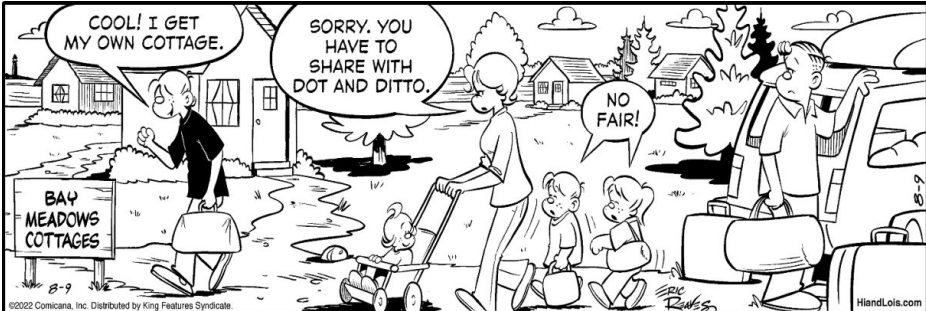
B.C. By Hart



Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker



Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne



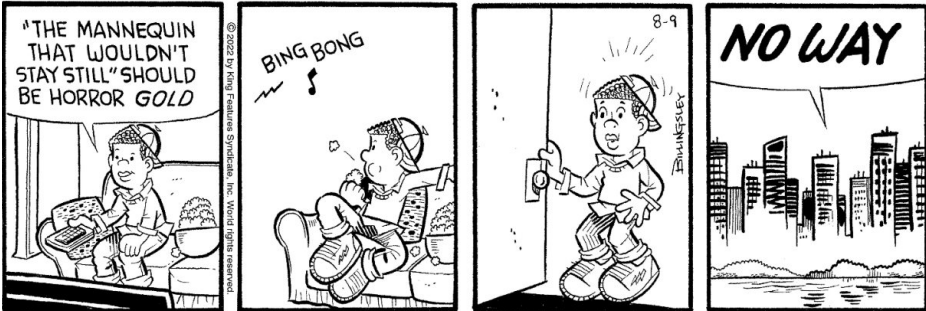
Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne



Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller



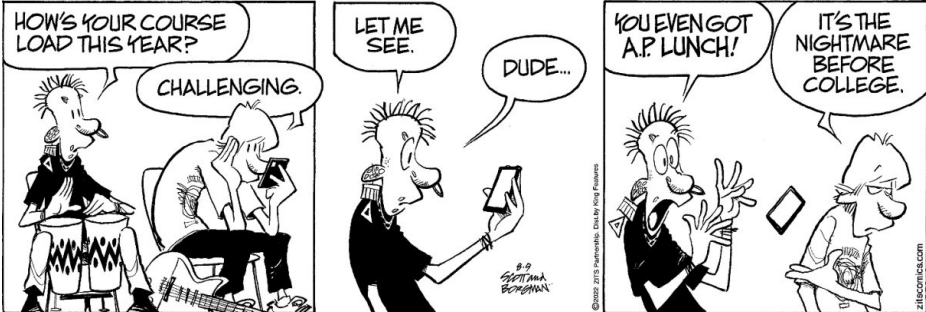
Curtis By Ray Billingsley



Pickles By Brian Crane



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



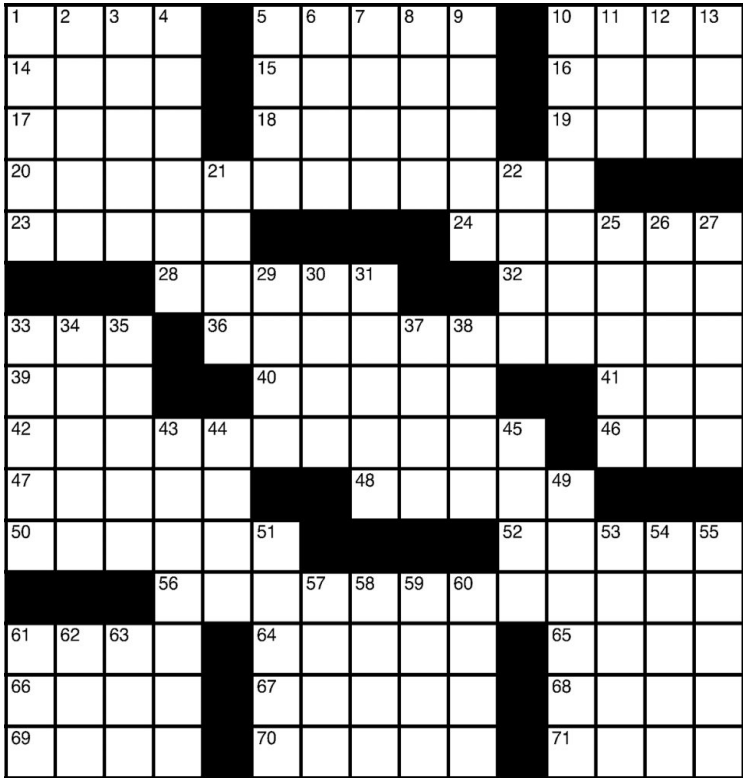
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 1 Katy Perry hit with the lyric "Louder, louder than a lion"
 - 5 Laid-back sort
 - 10 Arkin of "Argo"
 - 14 Penny-__: trivial
 - 15 17-syllable poem
 - 16 One-third of a 15-Across
 - 17 Salty expanses
 - 18 Elizabeth of "WandaVision"
 - 19 Starring role
 - 20 *Saint Bernard statue made entirely from sourdough?
 - 23 "I need details!"
 - 24 Chinese philosophy founded by Laozu
 - 28 Many, informally
 - 32 Big name in little trucks
 - 33 Toward the stern
 - 36 *Special occasions that call for braided loaves?
 - 39 "Evil Woman" rock gp.
 - 40 Underway, to Sherlock
 - 41 Health ins. choice
 - 42 *Improvements to a cake recipe?
 - 46 Sundial X
 - 47 Pokes (around)
 - 48 R&B singer known for his use of Auto-Tune
 - 50 Odors
 - 52 Wanders
 - 56 Any of the answers to this puzzle's starred clues?
- Down**
- 1 Workshop files
 - 2 Get the better of
 - 3 Arcade pioneer
 - 4 Put up on eBay, say
 - 61 CrossFit aftermath
 - 64 Go gaga over
 - 65 Wolfe who first appeared in the novel "Fer-de-Lance"
 - 66 Possible source of DNA evidence
 - 67 One taking a spin on a helicopter?
 - 68 Cogito __ sum
 - 69 Upper limbs
 - 70 Supreme Court Justice Kagan
 - 71 Blended family prefix
 - 5 Son of Odin
 - 6 Angela Bassett's alma mater
 - 7 Home of a much-photographed tower
 - 8 Scraped (out)
 - 9 Donut-shaped cake
 - 10 "No problems here!"
 - 11 Fib
 - 12 Actress de Armas
 - 13 Rod and Todd's dad on "The Simpsons"
 - 21 Coalition
 - 22 Solemn pledge
 - 25 Ill-suited
 - 26 Zoom alternative
 - 27 Bricklayer
 - 29 "__ she blows!"
 - 30 Out of danger
 - 31 Up in the air
 - 33 Health insurance giant
 - 34 Elevator stop
 - 35 Upper body
 - 37 In the __: informed
 - 38 Gillette razor
 - 43 Moderates
 - 44 Biblical twin of Jacob
 - 45 Muddy spot
 - 49 Unclaimed
 - 51 Trap
 - 53 Stave off
 - 54 Join the flow of traffic
 - 55 Poke around
 - 57 Megastar
 - 58 Short message
 - 59 1982 Disney sci-fi film
 - 60 Mother of Ares
 - 61 Clicking sound?
 - 62 Sedan, e.g.
 - 63 "That guy?"



By Micah Sommersmith Tribune Content Agency 8/9/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K J 7 6 4
♥ 9 8 2
♦ —
♣ K Q J 5 4

WEST

♠ 10 9 5
♥ A K 5
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ 10 9 3

EAST

♠ A Q 8
♥ 7
♦ A Q J 4 3
♣ 8 7 6 2

SOUTH

♠ 3 2
♥ Q J 10 6 4 3
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ A

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♦ 1 ♥ 2 ♦
2 ♠ 3 ♦ 3 ♥ 4 ♦
4 ♥ Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — two of diamonds.

The lead's the thing

Many seemingly normal leads turn out to be very costly. Consider this case from a team match where South wound up in four hearts doubled at both tables.

At the first table, West led a diamond, and South had an easy time of it. He ruffed in dummy, led a club to his ace, ruffed another diamond, then discarded both of his spades on the K-Q of clubs.

After ruffing a spade, declarer trumped a third diamond in dummy, then discarded his last diamond on the jack of clubs. West ruffed with the heart five and also got his A-K of trump, but South had the rest for a score of 590.

The deal illustrates the devastating effectiveness of a crossruff. South made 10 tricks even though he and dummy together had only 17 high-card points to the opponents' 23!

At the second table, where four hearts doubled was reached on similar bidding, West decided to lead the king of hearts in order to take a look at the dummy. Upon seeing dummy's dearth of diamonds, he then continued with the ace and another heart.

This left South in very bad shape. He could not ruff any of his diamond losers in dummy, nor did he have any way to reach dummy's clubs. All told, South lost two spades, two hearts and four diamonds to finish with only five tricks! He thus lost 1,100 points with the very same cards with which the first declarer had scored 590, a 1,690-point swing brought about by West's seemingly innocent lead of a diamond at the first table.

Tomorrow: Nine is fine.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

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ROSNT
KTELT
STAPRO

THE JUMBLE CREATORS ENJOY MAKING PUZZLES THAT ARE ---

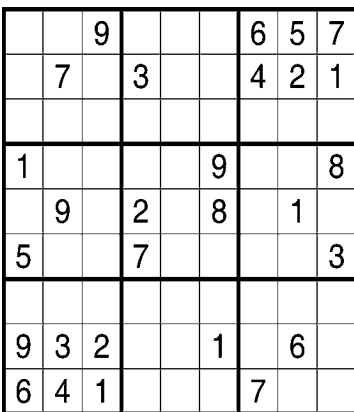
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

“ ”

(Answers tomorrow)

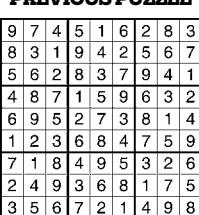
Yesterday's Jumbles: CHAIR DROLL SHRINK HOLLOW
Answer: They chose a location to carve the Crazy Horse Memorial that was — ROCK SOLID

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

An extra array of word games, search and Jumble. Want more? Play online at [PlayJumble.com](https://www.playjumble.com)



Scan QR code to play online.

SUDOKU

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: musical terms

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

Word search grid with letters A-Z.

- ACCENT
- ACOUSTIC
- ADAGIO
- ALTO
- BAR
- BASS
- BATON
- BEAT
- BINARY
- BRIDGE
- CANON
- CHORD
- CLASSICAL
- CLEF
- CONDUCT
- COUNT
- CROTCHET
- DECIBEL
- DUET
- ENCORE
- FLAT
- ORTE
- HARMONY
- INTERVAL
- KEY
- LOOP
- MAJOR
- MEDLEY
- MINIM
- MINOR
- NOTE
- OCTAVE
- PAUSE
- PITCH
- PRELUDE
- SCALE
- SHARP
- SOPRANO
- STACCATO
- TEMPO
- TREBLE
- VIBRATO

BOGGLE

Boggle BrainBusters logo and grid.

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

Find AT LEAST FIVE LAND FORMATIONS in the grid of letters.

WordWheel

WordWheel puzzle with letters S, T, R, A, P, L, E, ?.

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

TV Crossword grid with numbers 1-44.

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- ACROSS
- 1 "___ Bloods"
- 5 Role on "Alice"
- 8 Broadcasts
- 9 "___ Judy"
- 12 "Home ___"; Macaulay Culkin movie
- 13 Namesakes of Jim Nabors' role
- 14 Goodman & Cariou
- 15 "The World According to ___"; Robin Williams film
- 16 "One Day ___ Time"
- 18 180 degrees from NNW
- 19 Actor Hirsch
- 20 "Law & Order: SVU" actor
- 21 Rich soil
- 23 "Touched by an Angel" actress
- 24 Frolic
- 25 Writing table
- 26 Erik Estrada police series
- 28 Actress Moreno
- 29 Tampa team, for short
- 30 Actor Florek
- 32 Word of disgust
- 35 "Be quiet!"
- 36 Woody Guthrie's boy
- 37 Jackson Five hairdo
- 38 "The ___ Queens"; Kevin James series
- 40 Thompson & Samms
- 41 ___ for; desire greatly
- 42 Gather crops
- 43 "The ___ That Binds"; Daryl Hannah film
- 44 Actress Meara

Across words: BLUE, AIRS, FLO, JUDGE, ALONE, GOMERS, LENS, GARP, ATA, SSE, JUDD, ICET, LOAM, REESE, ROMP, DESK, CHIPS, RITA, BUCS, DANN, UGH, SSH, ARLO, AFRO, KING, OF, EMMAS, YEARN, REAP, TIE, ANNE.

- DOWN
- 1 Actor Christian & his family
- 2 "American Idol" judge
- 3 Crematory shelf supplies
- 4 Suffix for Japan or Nepal
- 5 Norwegian inlet
- 6 Unwanted find in mashed potatoes
- 7 "___ to Billie Joe"
- 10 Actress on "Man with a Plan"
- 11 Rob or Will
- 12 Roker & Molinaro
- 13 Word attached to fly or about
- 15 "Forrest ___"
- 17 Dined
- 19 Traffic tie-ups
- 20 Suffix for chill or cheer
- 22 Klutz's word
- 23 Harness strap
- 25 First James Bond movie
- 26 "Hawaii Five-0" network
- 27 Sled dog
- 30 Male bee
- 31 Sitcom about an alien
- 33 Small fruit
- 34 Entertainer Don & his kin
- 36 Prefix with culture
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leather and heated. 5 brand new tires,
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New. Ball Joints, Brakes, shocks,
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Legal Notice
TOWN OF BERLIN, CONNECTICUT
INVITATION TO BID:
Installation of Engineered Control at 55
Steele Boulevard
Bid # 2023-01

The Town of Berlin is seeking written BIDS for
the Installation of an Engineered Control at
55 Steele Boulevard.

For a firm to be considered for this engage-
ment, one (1) original and two (2) copies of
sealed BIDS and an electronic copy of the bid
must be received in the Town Managers of-
fice of the Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington
Rd, Room 101, Berlin, CT 06037 by 2 PM on
August 29, 2022 at which date and time the
bids will be publicly opened.

Plans and specifications for the above project
are available from Advanced Reprographics,
50 Corporate Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062,
(860) 410-1020. Plans and specifications
may be viewed and/or obtained by going to
the advanced reprographics website www.
advancedrepro.net . Prospective bidders
should access the "Planroom" on the
website and go to the "public jobs" area, no
log in information is necessary. Bidders are
responsible for printing and shipping costs or
pick up at the advanced reprographics office.
Plans and specifications may also be ordered
by calling the advanced reprographics num-
ber listed above. Bidders are responsible for
obtaining all and the latest addendums from
the advanced reprographic website.

The Town reserves the right to amend or
terminate this INVITATION TO BID, accept all
or any part of a proposal, reject all propos-
als, waive any informalities or non-material
deficiencies in a proposal, and award the
proposal to the proposer that, in the Town's
judgment, will be in the Town's best interests.
The Town of Berlin is an Affirmative Action/
Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/
Women's Business Enterprises are encour-
aged to apply. This contract is subject to a
state set-aside and contract compliance
requirements.

Maryssa Tsolis
Purchasing Agent
mtsolis@berlinct.gov
8/9/2022 7266671

INVITATION TO BID
NCGM Bulkhead and Fill – Select Bid Packages
1790 Waterfront Drive
New London, CT 06320

A/Z Corporation, as Construction Manager, will receive sealed bids from subcontractors at
A/Z Corp Office, 46 Norwich-Westerly Rd, North Stonington, CT 06359 for the project, National
Coast Guard Museum (NCGM) - Bulkhead and Fill, until August 19, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at which
time and place said bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids may be hand-delivered to
the above address or directed by U.S. Mail to said office at A/Z Corp Office, 46 Norwich-Westerly
Rd, North Stonington, CT 06359.

The work at the NCGM – Bulkhead and Fill, consists of the extension of the existing Thames
River Bulkhead at 1790 Waterfront Drive, New London, CT. The scope of this invitation to bid
includes but is not limited to Concrete. No other work is being bid at this time. "This project is
funded by both the State of Connecticut and private funding; however, the entire project is
prevailing wage rate."

Bids are requested for the following bid package:

Number BP 03-32
Description Concrete for Bulkhead Cap
CHRO Goals 100% SBE/MBE/WBE Set Aside

Note: Bid packages that the Construction Manager estimates have a cost greater than
\$500,000 are marked with an asterisk (*).

For bid packages estimated to cost more than \$500,000, prospective bidders and all
subcontractors who exceed \$500,000 must be prequalified by the State of
Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for the classification of the work
indicated. The subcontractor shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate
(not a predetermination letter) from the Department of Administrative Services of the State of
Connecticut according to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 4a-100, 4b-101, and 4b-91.
Bidders shall submit with their bids, a current Update Statement. If you have any questions
regarding the requirements of the State of CT/DAS, at telephone number (860)713-5100
or visit their website at www.das.ct.gov

The anticipated construction start date is August 15, 2022, the anticipated construction sub-
stantial completion date is December 30, 2022, and the anticipated final project completion
date is January10, 2023. This project is subject to liquidated damages for failure to achieve
the completion dates.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting with two options of days for all subcontractors will be held at the
project site: 1790 Waterfront Drive, New London, CT 06320 on August 9, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

The Owner, National Coast Guard Museum Association (NCGMA), has contracted with A/Z
Corporation to serve as the Construction Manager (CM). For questions regarding addenda, bid-
ding or to confirm the bid date, contact: Robert Hislop of A/Z Corporation, at rhislop@a-zcorp.
com or (860)445-3463. For technical questions and site, visits contact Scott Calhoun of A/Z
Corporation, at scalhoun@a-zcorp.com or (860) 445-3558.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be emailed to rhislop@a-zcorp.com by August 11, 2022.
Registration to receive future project notifications. Bidders will be held accountable
for the requirements of all documents made available and will not be relieved of responsibilities
for the requirements indicated in any bid documents not viewed or downloaded.

Addenda and bid clarifications and other notifications will be issued and posted electronically.
Notifications will be sent out through the same site as the drawings and specifications by the
Construction Manager. It is the responsibility of the bidders to ensure they have received all
addenda and bid clarifications. All addenda and bid notifications must be acknowledged on the
submitted bid proposal form.

Sealed bids are due in accordance with the Invitation to Bid. All bids and supporting documents
shall be submitted in duplicate, in a sealed envelope, and clearly identified: NCGM – Bulkhead
and Fill Project, with the Bid Package Number and Bid Package Description. No bids will be
accepted after the close of the bid period. The governing time shall be the local time at the bid
opening location.

All bids over \$50,000 must be accompanied by a bid bond payable to A/Z Corporation in the
amount of five percent (5%) of the bid proposal and shall be written on AIA Document A310
Bid Bond and the attorney-in-fact who executes the bond on behalf of the surety shall affix to
the bond a certified and current copy of the power of attorney. The bid bond must be issued by
a Surety Company licensed to underwrite bonds in the State of Connecticut and have a rating of
A- or better. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date of
bid opening.

The successful bidder will also be required to provide a Performance Bond and Labor and
Material Bond. Bonds shall be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the subcontract
price naming both A/Z Corporation and the NCGMA as obliges. Bonds must be issued by a
Surety Company licensed to underwrite bonds in the State of Connecticut and have a rating of
A- or better.

Wages to be paid on this project are subject to the State of Connecticut Department of Labor
Schedule of Prevailing Wage. Prevailing Wage information is available at the following website
- https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/vgwksnd/prevailwage.htm

A/Z Corporation and the National Coast Guard Museum Association (NCGMA) reserve the
right to reject any or all bids that are non-conforming, non-responsive, unbalanced, incomplete,
unqualified, non-responsible, or not in the best interest of the project. A/Z Corporation and
NCGMA reserve the right to waive irregularities or minor defects in the bidding.

All submitted bids must include "CHRO Contract Compliance Regulations Notification to
Bidders" form.

For complete bidding information refer to Exhibit "E" – Project Specific Requirements

A/Z Corporation and the NCGMA are affirmative action-equal opportunity employers.
Minority and Women's business enterprises are encouraged to apply.

END ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS
8/8, 8/9/2022 7263836

Connecticut

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with City of Hartford Municipal
Code Section 29-16, the Hartford Police
Department is in possession of unclaimed
found property for which the owner cannot
be located.

If you believe that some of this property is
yours, phone the HPD Property Room at 860
757 4180 weekdays 7 am to 2:30 pm. Be
prepared to provide a detailed description of
the property, the circumstances of its loss,
and proof of ownership as necessary.

Positive identification is required before prop-
erty will be released. If not claimed, items
may be sold at public auction, destroyed,
donated, or released to a finder.
July - September 2022 7239405

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
HARTFORD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND
PROPOSALS
for EMPLOYEE MEDICAL CLEARANCE AND
RESPIRATOR FIT TESTING SERVICES
RFQ NUMBER 2022R-15

Issued: August 9, 2022

DUE DATES

Questions Deadline: August 24, 2022 at
4:00 PM (local time)
Proposal Due: September 12, 2022 at 2:00
PM (local time)

The Metropolitan District (MDC) is inviting
qualified companies to respond to a Request
for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQP) to
provide employee medical clearance and
respirator fit testing. All services are to be
provided on-site in mobile facilities provided
by the successful Respondent. This includes
medical screening work, PFTs, physical
evaluation by the doctor, and fit testing.
The successful Respondent will be able to
provide services starting in the fall of 2022.

The RFQ may be obtained from the MDC
ProcureWare site at <https://mdc-procurement.com/home>. Sealed proposals must
be delivered, as specified in the RFQP to:

RFQP Number: 2022R-15
Office of the District Clerk
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103-2987

Prospective respondents must register on
the MDC ProcureWare Site; once registered,
the solicitation can be downloaded at [www.
https://mdc-procurement.com/home](https://mdc-procurement.com/home).

Sealed proposals will be received and
safeguarded by The Metropolitan District, at
the Office of the District Clerk, until 2:00 PM
(Local Time), September 12, 2022.

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk
8/9/22 7265100

PUBLIC NOTICE

T-Mobile Northeast, LLC will remove 3 anten-
nas, install 6 antennas, remove and replace
3 remote radio units ("RRUs"), relocate 3
RRUs, remove and replace 2 cabinets with
3 cabinets, replace all cables, and install a
generator and propane tank at 105 Darling
Drive, Avon, CT.

Public comments regarding potential effects
on historic properties may be submitted
within 30 days from the date of this publica-
tion to: All-Points Technology Corporation at
567 Vauxhall Street Extension – Suite 311,
Waterford, CT 06385, Attn: Jennifer Young
Gaudet, (861) 663-3377, ext. 231.
Please respond within 30 days if you wish to
comment.
8/9/2022 7266353

LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Berlin
Request for Proposals
Vehicle Wash Bay (Re-bid)
Bid # 2023-04

The Town of Berlin Public Building
Commission (PBC) is inviting qualified firms
to submit proposals to design and build a
new Vehicle Wash Bay Facility at the Town's
Physical Services Complex. The PBC seeks
a team which includes design and construc-
tion, the "Design-Build Team." The Town/PBC
intends to issue one contract. The selected
Team for the entire scope of work. The suc-
cessful bidder shall provide a complete
and operational wash bay system with all
required appurtenances at no additional cost
to the Town of Berlin. Design-Build Teams
are invited to attend a pre-bid meeting (not
mandatory) to be held at the site at 10:00
AM on Thursday, September 1, 2022 located
at 35 Town Farm Lane Berlin, CT 06037.
One (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed
proposals must be received in the Town
Manager's Office of the Berlin Town Hall, 240
Kensington Rd, Berlin, CT 06037 by 2:00pm
September 22, 2022. The Town will not ac-
cept submissions by e-mail or fax. The Town
will reject proposals received after the date
and time noted above.
The documents comprising the Request
for Proposals may be obtained on the
Town's website, www.berlinct.gov, under
"Departments, Purchasing and Current
Bids and RFPs," or from Maryssa Tsolis,
Purchasing Agent, Berlin Town Hall, Room
110, 240 Kensington Rd, Berlin, CT 06037
during normal business hours. Each
proposer is responsible for checking the
Town's website to determine if the Town has
issued any addenda and, if so, to complete
its proposal in accordance with the RFP as
modified by the addenda.
The Town reserves the right to amend or
terminate this Request for Proposals, accept
all or any part of a proposal, reject all propo-
sals, waive any informalities or non-material
deficiencies in a proposal, and award the
proposal to the proposer that, in the Town's
judgment, will be in the Town's best interests.

Maryssa Tsolis
Purchasing Agent
8/9/22 7266816

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT
JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to James Sutton father of child born
on 3/15/17 and 7/28/18 with mother
Samantha R. of parts unknown

A petition has been filed seeking:

Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above
named or vesting of custody and care of said
child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, pri-
vate agency or a suitable and worthy person.

The petition, whereby the court's decision can
affect your parental rights, if any, regarding
minor child(ren) will be heard on 9/6/22 @
2:00 PM at Superior Court, Juvenile Matter,
920 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the
hearing of this petition be given by publishing
this Order of Notice once, immediately upon
receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper
having circulation in the town/city of: West
Hartford, CT

Judge: Hon. Michael Dannehy
Signed: Madison Kittredge - Clerk
Date Signed: 8/5/2022

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to
pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an
attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public
Defender. Request for an attorney should be
made immediately in person, by mail, or by
fax at the court office where your hearing is
to be held.
8/9/22 7266925

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT
JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to Canute Virtue father of child born
on 11/17/2015 with mother Samantha R. of
parts unknown

A petition has been filed seeking:

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named or vesting of custody and care of said
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8/9/22 7267036

SOUTH WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SNOW REMOVAL
RFP # 2023-002

Documents for Snow Removal and Deicing
for the South Windsor Public Schools, RFP
2023-002 may be obtained at the Office
of the Director of Facility Operations, South
Windsor Public Schools, 1737 Main Street,
Room 100, South Windsor, CT or online at
www.southwindsorschools.org on or after
8:00 a.m., August 8, 2022.

Sealed proposals will be received at the ad-
dress listed above until 10:00 a.m., Eastern
Standard Time, on Friday, August 26, 2022.
Thereafter, the name of the firms that have
submitted proposals will be publicly read
aloud.

A mandatory pre-bid walk through will be
conducted on Monday, August 15, 2022 at
8:00 am. Bidders should meet at the Philip
R. Smith Elementary School Parking Lot, 949
Avery Street, SW, to begin the walk through
which will continue to all locations from
there. Bids will not be accepted from any
firm that does not attend.
The South Windsor Public Schools reserve
the rights to: amend or terminate this
Request for Proposal; accept all or any part
of a proposal; reject any or all proposals, in
whole or in part; waive any technical defects,
informalities or non-material deficiencies in a
proposal; and award the proposal, in whole
or in part, including accepting a proposal or
part of a proposal, that, in its judgment, will
be in the South Windsor Public School's best
interests.
8/8, 8/9/2022 7266009

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WEATHER

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, hot and humid, chance for afternoon showers and thunderstorms.

HIGH 95°
LOW 71°

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny, cooler and not as humid, a shower or a thunderstorm is possible.

HIGH 83°
LOW 68°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Chance for morning showers, partly sunny and warm.

HIGH 85°
LOW 65°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny, seasonable with comfortable humidity.

HIGH 82°
LOW 59°


SATURDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunshine and some fair weather clouds.

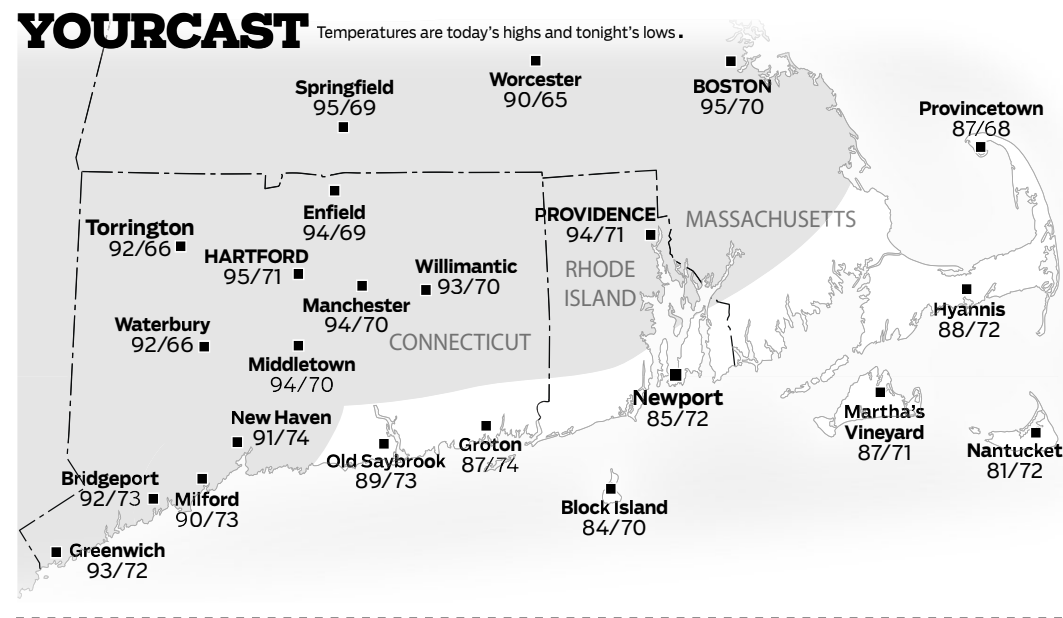
HIGH 80°
LOW 58°

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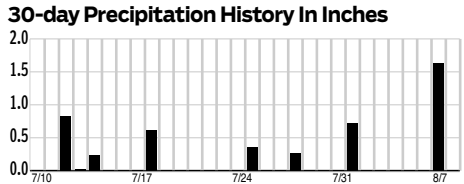
The end of the current heat wave is close, but there will be one more day Tuesday before some relief occurs on Wednesday with lower temperatures and lower humidity levels. High temperatures on Tuesday will be in the low to mid-90s and dew points will be in the low to mid-70s that will result in heat index values close to 100 degrees. There will be a weak frontal system crossing the Northeast today producing some showers and thunderstorms. Unlike Monday when the storms only had heavy rain, today's thunderstorms have the potential for high winds and small hail.

-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	1.63	0.15
Month to date	2.35	1.23
Total this year	25.18	27.57

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today

Moderate 97

High 6

Moderate Weeds

100°

Air Quality Today





Ultraviolet Index Today

Pollen Count Yesterday

Heat Index Today

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:52 a.m.	5:54 a.m.
Sunset	8:00 p.m.	7:59 p.m.
Moonrise	6:43 p.m.	7:35 p.m.
Moonset	2:24 a.m.	3:35 a.m.

Moon Phase



Full Aug 11 Last Aug 19 New Aug 27 First Sept 3

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	7:23 a.m.	1:45 a.m.	76°
Saybrook Jetty	7:49 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	8:34 a.m.	2:38 a.m.	78°
Madison	9:00 p.m.	2:35 p.m.	
New Haven	11:17 a.m.	6:24 a.m.	
Stamford	11:43 p.m.	6:21 p.m.	
	8:59 a.m.	2:47 a.m.	80°
	9:18 p.m.	2:58 p.m.	
	9:19 a.m.	3:11 a.m.	83°
	9:38 p.m.	3:22 p.m.	
	9:23 a.m.	3:25 a.m.	82°
	9:42 p.m.	3:36 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 1.18 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	PCloudy	PCloudy	PCloudy
Wind	SW, 10-15	SW, 10-15	SW, 10-20
Seas	1 ft.	2-3 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Monday	94 at 12:44 p.m.	75 at 4:28 a.m.
Normal for date	84	63
Record for date	98 in 2001	49 in 1957
A year ago	86	71
Range this year	97	-2

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor 66 55 SH
Burlington 72 58 SH
Caribou 61 52 SH
Concord 85 60 SH
Montpelier 73 57 SH
Mt. Wash. 56 45 SH
Portland 79 59 SH
Woods Hole 85 66 PC

NATION

Albany 82 60 C
Albuquerque 88 64 PC
Atlantic City 96 75 PC

Baltimore 94 77 PC
Bismarck 92 57 S
Boise 95 73 C
Buffalo 72 60 PC
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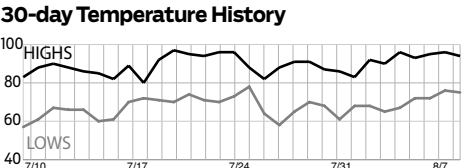
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Toronto 75 65 PC
Vancouver 80 64 PC
Warsaw 77 56 PC

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Dew point	75° at 7 p.m.	72° at 12 a.m.

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Lynx forward Napheesa Collier drives against Dream forward Naz Hillmon in the first quarter Sunday at the Target Center in Minneapolis. ELIZABETH FLORES/AP

WNBA

‘I WANT TO PLAY’

Former UConn star Collier makes 2022 debut for Lynx less than three months after giving birth to daughter

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Minnesota Lynx head coach Cheryl Reeve reached out to Napheesa Collier with an important question ahead of Sunday’s game.

“Do you want to stick to the plan,” Reeve asked, “or do you want to play today?”

Starter Aerial Powers had been ruled out against the Atlanta Dream, and the Lynx were in need of a boost. With the regular season

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Former UConn star and WNBA veteran Diana Taurasi to miss rest of season with quad injury. **Page 2**

winding down and Minnesota just out of reach of a playoff spot, it was a near must-win situation.

“Let me call you back,” Reeve recalled Collier saying. “Let me take a few minutes.”

Collier had hoped to return from maternity leave at some point this

season to play alongside teammate and friend Sylvia Fowles in her final year before retirement, but she wanted to weigh her options and not rush into a decision. After thinking it over, she knew her body was ready and it was just nerves holding her back. So she called Reeve back two minutes later with her answer.

“I want to play.”

The former UConn star made her 2022 WNBA season debut in

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YANKEES

Bogged down in the dog days

Manager says club needs to find a way to ‘punch through’ midsummer slump

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

ST. LOUIS — Jameson Taillon seemed a little shell-shocked after his last appearance. The Yankees right-hander made the start last Tuesday against the Mariners, the first loss in this Yankees’ slide. His start also coincided with the trade deadline, and after the game Taillon was honest about his shock that the Yankees had traded his teammate — and good friend — Jordan Montgomery.

Monday night in Seattle, Taillon, who has posted a 6.25 ERA over his last eight starts, looked to shake it off for the Yankees to get out of this slump.

The Bombers went into Monday night’s series opener 0-5 since the trade deadline, their longest losing streak of the season, and 14-18 since July 1. (Monday night’s game against the Mariners wasn’t over in time for this edition.)

“We’re losing some of these close games that we were winning all the time before,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. “We’re going to find a way. ... We’ve got to find a way to punch through, and we absolutely will.”

It’s been a grind, especially for the pitching over the last 30 days.

The Yankees arms had gotten them out to a hot start this season. With a team ERA of 3.33, the Bombers are still in the top three of pitching corps in the majors. Over the last month, however, the Yankees’ pitching has been hit. They have had injuries with Luis Severino suffering a strained lat muscle, though he is expected to return next month, and Michael King with an elbow fracture that will shut him down for the rest of the season.

Over the Yankees’ last 25 games, their pitching has been the fifth worst in the majors with a 4.63 ERA, allowing 33 home runs (fourth most in the big leagues) over the last 30

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RED SOX COMMENTARY



Red Sox center fielder Jarren Duran dives but is unable to catch a fly ball off the bat of the Royals’ Michael A. Taylor during the eighth inning Friday in Kansas City, Missouri. REED HOFFMANN/AP

Trade deadline moves have been DOA



Red Sox relief pitcher Darwinzon Hernandez throws during the ninth inning Thursday against the Royals. He came in with the score tied and gave up three runs in a 7-4 loss. CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

This was the danger of the Red Sox’s confusing trade deadline strategy last week.

While being half-in, half-out of the 2022 season, the Sox held on to most of their players with expiring contracts, but didn’t make enough upgrades to their current team to put themselves in contention.

This weekend in Kansas City, the Sox’s issues that went unaddressed — and two new problems they created — led to a disastrous series loss against a weak Royals team that had no business steamrolling Boston’s \$240 million roster.

Sunday’s 13-5 loss was the onion-flavored icing on the moldy cake.

Where to start? Jarren Duran looks completely lost in center field. He was once again blinded by the sun on a routine flyball and made two additional bad reads as he continues to struggle in a key position.

And it’s hard to blame the player.

He’s a converted second baseman who has done his best

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Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley to leave Red Sox booth after season. **Page 6**

to learn on the fly, but he has made a mess of the outfield for a majority of his 81 days on a big league roster. Still, the Sox have said they see him as their future center fielder and continue to put him out there on a daily basis.

They’re so committed to Duran that he stayed in center while Gold Glover Jackie Bradley Jr. was playing right field, then the Sox straight up released Bradley last week because they felt it was better for their “roster configuration.”

It’s one thing to lose a ball in the sun. Every big leaguer has done that at some point. Duran has now lost balls in the sun and in the twilight, and they’ve led to a pair of the worst losses of the season, a 28-5 loss to the Blue Jays on July 22 and then Sunday’s lopsided loss to the Royals.

The main concern is this:

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BASKETBALL GREATER HARTFORD PRO-AM

Former Celtics guard Waters heads back home

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

MIDDLETOWN — Tremont Waters grew up at the Greater Hartford Pro-Am. His dad would bring him from New Haven to Hartford, where he’d lie on the sideline with one of his best friends to watch the games.

As he got older and developed into one of the best high school players in the country while at Notre Dame in West Haven, Waters started taking the GHPA court himself.

On Saturday, with the event moved to Middletown, Waters

made his return.

“It’s a dope thing to be able to come back and play,” Waters said after putting on a show in front of several Pro-Am legends he used to watch. “That’s very inspirational. I know there’s kids around that are coming to watch, and you never know who is going to grow to become the next player to be able to play in this. That’s pretty inspirational for me.”

The 24-year-old Waters, who spent part of the summer playing for the Memphis Grizzlies in the NBA Summer League, has already

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Tremont Waters, who grew up watching the Greater Hartford Pro-Am, returned as a pro Saturday to score 29 points in a GHPA game. JOE ARRUDA/HARTFORD COURANT

BRUINS

Club brings back captain Bergeron, and Krejci, too

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins are getting the gang back together, signing captain Patrice Bergeron and center David Krejci — both members of their 2011 Stanley Cup championship team — to one-year deals Monday.

Almost three months after he left the ice without any certainty that he would return, Bergeron signed a one-year deal with the Bruins. A few hours later, the team announced that Krejci, who played last season in his native Czechia, will also be back for the

2022-23 season.

“Obviously, we’re great friends and we go way back,” Bergeron said in a video conference with reporters. “I’m super excited to get going with him and also the rest of the guys.”

Bergeron got a \$2.5 million deal with \$2.5 million in incentives, and Krejci gets \$1 million with the potential for \$2 million more. Bergeron is fourth on the Original Six franchise’s all-time scoring list with 982 points, and Krejci is ninth with 730.

“Obviously, I wanted to play.

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Patriots: Preseason: Giants, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: at Patriots, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: at Eagles, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Red Sox: Atlanta, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Atlanta, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Orioles, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at Mariners, Tuesday, 10 p.m.; at Mariners, Wednesday, 4 p.m.; at Red Sox, Friday, 7 p.m.
Mets: Cincinnati, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Cincinnati, Wednesday, 1 p.m.; Phillies, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Somerset, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Somerset, Wednesday, 6 p.m.; at Somerset, Thursday, 11 a.m.
Sun: at Sparks, Tuesday, 10:30 p.m.; at Sparks, Thursday, 10:30 p.m.; Lynx, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Indy, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Miami, August 20, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, August 24, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
1 p.m.: Little League Southwest Regional. (Live) ESPN
3 p.m.: Little League Great Lakes Regional, Game 7. (Live) ESPN
5 p.m.: Little League Southeast Regional. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Little League Mid-Atlantic Regional: Pennsylvania vs. Delaware. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: MiLB at Field of Dreams Quad Cities River Bandits vs Cedar Rapids Kernels. (Live) MLB
7 p.m.: Braves at Boston Sox. (Live) NESN TBS. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Reds at Mets. (Live) SNY. Radio: 880
9 p.m.: Little League Mountain Regional Nevada vs. Utah. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: Yankees at Mariners. (Live) YES. Radio: 97.9
BASKETBALL
10 p.m.: WNBA Dream at Aces. (Live) CBSSN
10:30 p.m.: WNBA Sun at Sparks. (Live) NBA NESN+
BOWLING
7 p.m.: PWBA Classic Series. (Live) CBSSN
HOCKEY
2 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship Czechia vs Slovakia. (Live) NHL
6 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship Latvia vs Finland. (Live) NHL
10 p.m.: IIHF World Junior Championship United States vs Germany. (Live) NHL
SOCCER
8:30 p.m.: MLS Skills Competition (Live) ESPN2
TENNIS
11 a.m.: ATP/WTA Canada - Early Rounds. (Live) TENNIS

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

CTL Playoffs—Quarterfinals
At Riverfront Park, Glastonbury
Winner's Bracket: No. 3 Rockies vs. No. 2 Angels, 6p.m.
Elimination Bracket: No. 7 Dodgers vs. No. 6 Orioles, 8p.m.
At Beehive Field, New Britain
Winner's Bracket: No. 5 Rock Cats vs. No. 1 Black Sox, 8p.m.
Elimination Bracket: No. 9 Knights vs. No. 4 Aftershock, 6p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULT

CARDINALS 8, GREENERS 0

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

GHTL Playoffs—First Round (Double Elimination)
At Palmer Field, Middletown
No. 8 Cardinals vs. No. 1 Expos, 6p.m.
No. 5 Graphics vs. No. 4 People's, 8p.m.
At McKenna Field, East Hartford
No. 7 Colts vs. No. 2 Jets, 6p.m.
No. 6 Phillies vs. No. 3 Orioles, 8p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings				
Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	62	39	.614	—
Hartford	61	40	.604	1
Portland	49	53	.480	13.5
New Hampshire	47	55	.461	15.5
Reading	45	57	.441	17.5
Binghamton	39	62	.386	23
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	60	41	.594	—
Akron	55	45	.55	4.5
Bowie	51	50	.505	9
Richmond	51	50	.505	9
Altoona	48	54	.471	12.5
Harrisburg	40	62	.392	20.5

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS

READING 6, HARTFORD 3
SOMERSET 8, BINGHAMTON 6
AKRON 6, ALTOONA 4

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Richmond at Portland, 6p.m.
Reading at Harrisburg, 6:30p.m.

NBA

Durant gives Nets ultimatum: Trade him, or fire Nash, Marks

Kevin Durant has given Nets owner Joe Tsai an ultimatum: Tsai must decide between Durant, a 12-time All-Star universally regarded as one of the best basketball players in NBA history, and the pair of Brooklyn's general manager Sean Marks and head coach Steve Nash. Durant and Tsai met in London over the weekend, according to The Athletic, where Durant told Tsai he has lost faith in the team's direction. And now Tsai must make a decision. He must choose what type of ship he wants to run. In reality, that decision should

Altoona at Binghamton, 6:30p.m.
Bowie at Akron, 6:30p.m.
Hartford at Somerset, 7p.m.
Erie at New Hampshire, 7p.m.

SUNDAY'S LATE YARD GOATS BOX SCORE

FIGHTIN' PHILS 6, YARD GOATS 3					
Hartford	AB	R	H	BI	
Montano, rf	3	0	0	0	
Hill, ph	1	0	0	0	
Schunk, 3b	4	0	0	0	
Lavigne, dh	4	0	0	0	
Toglia, 1b	4	2	2	1	
Doyle, cf	4	1	1	0	
Datres, lf	2	0	0	0	
Cope, c	3	0	0	0	
Collins, 2b	3	0	0	2	
Navarro, ss	3	0	0	0	
Stovall, ph	1	0	0	0	
Totals	32	3	5	3	
Reading	AB	R	H	BI	
Rojas, cf	5	0	0	0	
Muzziotti, lf	5	2	3	0	
Rijo, 3b	5	2	2	1	
Ortiz, rf	4	1	2	1	
Corredor, 1b	2	0	1	0	
De La Cruz, dh	4	0	1	1	
Conley, c	3	1	1	2	
Guzman, ss	4	0	0	0	
Gozzo, 2b	4	0	2	0	
Totals	36	6	12	5	

Hartford	010	020000	—	3	5	1
Reading 001	110	21x	—	6	12	0

E: Schunk. DP: Reading 1. LOB: Hartford 7, Reading 10. HR: Toglia, Rijo, Conley. 2B: Doyle, Gozzo, De La Cruz, Rijo. SB: Collins, Muzziotti 2, Gozzo, Ortiz.

Hartford	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kilkenny	4	6	2	2	1	2	5.85
Kitchen	1	2	1	1	0	1	4.15
Pint	1	0	0	0	0	3	4.64
Darnell (L, 3-1)	1	2	2	1	2	3	4.84
Hollowell	1	2	1	1	0	0	3.40
Reading	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
McCarthy	4	1	1	1	2	6	2.76
Miller	1.2	3	2	2	1	2	2.51
Sullivan (W, 3-1)	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	3.72
Schultz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Marconi (S, 15)	1	1	0	0	1	1	4.12

HBP: Datres (by Miller). Ortiz (by Kilkenny). Umpires: Hart, Krupa, Alfonso. Time: 2:41. Att.: 5,322.

WNBA STANDINGS

Eastern	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	21	7	.750	—
Connecticut	19	9	.679	2
Washington	17	11	.607	4
Atlanta	12	16	.429	9
New York	10	17	.370	10.5
Indiana	5	25	.167	17
Western	W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	20	8	.714	—
Seattle	18	10	.643	2
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	7.5
Dallas	12	15	.444	7.5
Phoenix	12	16	.429	8
Minnesota	10	19	.345	10.5

WNBA

Former UConn star Taurasi out for remainder of season with quad injury

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

Former UConn star Diana Taurasi will miss the rest of the WNBA season with a right quad strain, the Phoenix Mercury announced Monday. Taurasi didn't play in the team's two games since exiting with the injury in the second quarter of a loss against the Connecticut Sun at Mohegan Sun Arena last Tuesday. The 40-year-old had been averaging 16.7 points, 3.9 assists and 3.4

rebounds in 31 games for the Mercury this season. She has scored at least 25 points on six occasions this year, including a 30-point performance against the Las Vegas Aces on July 28 that made her the first player in WNBA history to score at least 30 points at age 40. She is just the third player in NBA or WNBA history to do so, joining elite company alongside Michael Jordan and Dirk Nowitzki. Phoenix signed guard Yvonne "Vonnice" Turner to a hardship contract to replace Taurasi. She was

previously with the franchise from 2017-19. The news of the injury comes with three games left in the regular season for the Mercury, who are in eighth place in the WNBA standings and clinging on to the final playoff spot. With the Atlanta Dream holding the same 14-19 record in seventh place and the New York Liberty, Minnesota Lynx and Los Angeles Sparks all currently one game back, it'll be a tight race to the finish line this week.



Red Sox center fielder Jarren Duran is unable to catch a fly ball hit by the Royals' Kyle Isbel during the seventh inning Sunday in Kansas City, Missouri. COLIN E. BRALEY/AP

Sox

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The Red Sox don't seem worried about it. Talking to reporters in Kansas City, manager Alex Cora excused Duran's mistake and said "been there, done that" and "there's nothing he can do there." Pressed on the issue as a reporter rightly noted that Duran made other bad plays that had nothing to do with the sun, Cora said: "He's our center fielder right now. We trust him. This is a kid that's part of what we're trying to accomplish, and we're going to keep rolling with him."

Duran wasn't supposed to be the everyday center fielder, but a long-term injury to Kiké Hernandez has resulted in Duran stepping in as the regular guy there. He looked better at the plate over a two-week stretch in June, but over his last 104 plate appearances he's hitting just .157 with 37 strikeouts. Bradley was just as bad at the plate, but at least with him the Sox would

have Gold Glover in center field. Here's the issue: the Sox aren't playing for 2022. They're playing for long-term success, and they're coming up empty in the short-term. They had to trade flame-throwing left-hander Jake Diekmann to the White Sox for Reese McGuire on Tuesday because they needed a catcher. They needed a catcher because they traded their starting catcher, Christian Vazquez, to the Houston Astros for a pair of mid-tier prospects. So now they're without their two best lefties, Diekmann and Matt Strahm, who is on the injured list. When Cora needed a lefty with the score tied Thursday, he turned to Darwinzon Hernandez, who was just called up from Triple-A Worcester to take Diekmann's spot in the bullpen. Hernandez blew the game and the Sox lost, 7-4. Again Cora needed a lefty and turned to Hernandez in a close game on Sunday, and again he struggled, walking four in a six-run eighth inning that

sealed the series win for the Royals. "He needs to get better," Cora said of Hernandez on NESN after the game. "He did a good job in Triple A, but right now, these other lefties we have, we have to figure it out. They're going to be part of it. We went from three lefties or whatever we had to this." Not only did the Sox fail to address their needs in the bullpen, they created new ones by trading Diekmann and Vazquez, and by releasing Bradley. They could've used all three of them this week-end. Now the Sox are back to 4½ games out of a wild-card spot with the Braves, Orioles and Yankees on the schedule at Fenway Park this week. FanGraphs gives Cora's crew a 17% chance at making the playoffs. It seems generous. "We keep saying, 'We're going to be fine. We're going to be fine,'" Cora said. "But we better start winning games. It's very important. We have a tough week. ... We have to play good baseball to beat those teams. We didn't play good baseball here."

Yankees

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days. New acquisition Frankie Montas, who was to be the rotation upgrade for Montgomery at the trade deadline, did not help the cause in his debut Sunday, giving up a season-high six earned runs in three innings of work. If the Yankees can turn this thing around, the time is now, with the Astros just a half-game back in the AL standings going into Monday. It began against a tough lineup and with Taillon facing the Mariners again. He allowed five earned runs in 4 ⅔ innings last Tuesday against Seattle. Since the calendar turned to July, Taillon has allowed 19 earned runs over his last 29 ⅓ innings pitched (5.76 ERA) Yankees pitching coach Matt Blake said that it is similar to the struggles Taillon went through early in 2021. He sees the stuff and velocity as good, but wants to see Taillon more confident in his pitch decisions and attacking the strike zone. "He takes information well, and he continues to process and make adjustments," Blake said. "It's just to get back in the zone and attack early counts really." Taillon is not generating as much weak contact and has struggled in the first and third innings, which means he's grinding against the top of the opposing lineup and cruising through the bottom. Getting back on track for Taillon means getting his fastball command back under control and believing he can beat hitters with it. "I think the fastball the other day was good, but when he's going up and in, it's got to be in the strike zone, especially against Seattle. It's just they don't swing a lot," Blake said. "So don't put yourself in bad counts, nibbling with a fastball" Taillon, a free agent after this season, said losing Montgomery was a blow to the clubhouse and the rotation. Montgomery delivered a blow to the Yankees' record on Saturday when he shut his former teammates out in his first start for the Cardinals. Still, Taillon, who admitted he's "chasing it" after his last start, believes this rotation with the addition of Montas and when Severino gets healthy can be a weapon for the Bombers down the stretch. "I think it can continue to be a point of strength," Taillon said. "We've had some inconsistency here, but Gerrit (Cole) and Montas coming in, (Nestor) Cortes doing what he's done all year and (Luis) Severino coming back at some point, there's a lot to like."

REGIONAL DIGEST

Wenzel returning to Newington High to coach boys basketball

Scot Wenzel is returning to Newington High School as boys basketball coach after coaching at Plainville High the past two seasons, Newington athletic director Christopher Meyers announced Monday. Wenzel previously coached the Newington boys from 2003-2017 going 187-122. Wenzel, a physical education teacher at Plainville High, won four CCC championships at Newington and guided the team to the CIAC Class L semifinals in 2016.

Egan named Sacred Heart baseball coach:

Pat Egan has been hired as baseball coach at Sacred Heart University, athletic director Judy Ann Riccio announced. Egan spent the previous eight years as assistant baseball coach and recruiting coordinator for Quinnipiac. Under Egan's leadership with the Quinnipiac pitchers, the Bobcats have had three starting pitchers taken in the MLB draft. Tom Jenkins was drafted in the 13th round by the Milwaukee Brewers in 2016. The following year, Robbie Hitt was chosen in the 24th round, again by the Brewers, while Tyler Poulin was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 29th round of the 2019 draft. Egan helped Quinnipiac to the 2019 NCAA tournament, the program's first since 2005, when Egan was a sophomore pitcher. ... After more than two decades on the sideline for Sacred Heart

University soccer, longtime coach Joe Barroso has announced his retirement. Barroso got his start at Sacred Heart in 1992 as the head coach of the women's program. He returned to the women's team in 2000 as the athletic department transitioned to Division I, then later took over as the men's head coach in 2005.

Yard Goats lose third in a row: Michael Toglia hit his 23rd homer of the season to give the Yard Goats the lead in the second inning, but the Fightin' Phils came away with a 6-3 victory Sunday night in the finale of a six-game set in Reading, Pa. Reading won the final three games to take the series, 4-2. After falling behind 3-1, the Yard Goats tied it in the sixth on a two-run single by Isaac Collins. Reading regained the lead in the seventh. Simon

Muzziotti led off with a single and advanced to third on Wendell Rijo's double. With one out, the Yard Goats intentionally walked Aldrem Corredor to load the bases. A strikeout made two outs, but Jack Conley followed with a walk to force in a run. Jonathan Guzman reached on a fielding error and another run scored to give the Phils a two-run lead. Reading made it 6-3 in the eighth when Muzziotti scored on a single by Jhailyn Ortiz. Yard Goats starter Mitchell Kilkenny gave up six hits and two runs in four innings, walking one and striking out two. Hartford next travels to Bridgewater Township, N.J., to open a six-game series against the Somerset Patriots on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

— Staff reports

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	70	39	.642	—	—	4-6	L-5	41-15	29-24
Toronto	60	48	.556	9 ½	+2	6-4	W-1	34-21	26-27
Tampa Bay	58	50	.537	11 ½	—	5-5	W-1	33-21	25-29
Baltimore	56	52	.519	13 ½	2	7-3	L-1	31-21	25-31
Boston	54	56	.491	16 ½	5	4-6	L-2	26-27	28-29

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	57	51	.528	—	—	5-5	L-1	31-25	26-26
Cleveland	56	52	.519	1	2	6-4	W-2	29-22	27-30
Chicago	55	53	.509	2	3	6-4	W-1	25-29	30-24
Kansas City	44	65	.404	13 ½	14 ½	5-5	W-2	25-31	19-34
Detroit	43	67	.391	15	16	3-7	L-1	26-30	17-37

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	70	40	.636	—	—	5-5	L-2	34-17	36-23
Seattle	59	51	.536	11	—	5-5	W-1	29-25	30-26
Texas	48	60	.444	21	10	4-6	L-1	23-31	25-29
Los Angeles	46	63	.422	23 ½	12 ½	4-6	L-1	24-32	22-31
Oakland	41	68	.376	28 ½	17 ½	5-5	L-2	17-35	24-33

BOX SCORES

CAREER 10+ STRIKEOUT GAMES

RK	PITCHER	FROM	TO	G
1	Nolan Ryan	1968	1992	215
2	Randy Johnson	1988	2008	212
3	Roger Clemens	1984	2005	110
4	Max Scherzer	2008	2022	109
5	Pedro Martínez	1994	2006	108
6	Sandy Koufax	1955	1966	97
7	Curt Schilling	1993	2007	93
8	Steve Carlton	1967	1987	84
9	Chris Sale	2012	2019	78
10	Bob Gibson	1959	1975	74
11	Sam McDowell	1962	1971	74
12	Justin Verlander	2007	2022	70
13	Tom Seaver	1967	1985	70
14	Clayton Kershaw	2009	2022	67
15	Rube Waddell	1901	1908	60
16	David Cone	1988	1999	59
17	Jacob deGrom	2014	2022	54
18	Mickey Lolich	1964	1974	54
19	Gerrit Cole	2013	2022	53
20	Bert Blyleven	1970	1987	52
21	Jim Bunning	1957	1969	51
22	Bob Feller	1936	1948	51
23	Johan Santana	2002	2012	50
24	Yu Darvish	2012	2022	49
25	Corey Kluber	2013	2022	48
26	Stephen Strasburg	2010	2019	47
27	Fergie Jenkins	1967	1980	47
28	Dwight Gooden	1984	1994	46
29	Walter Johnson	1908	1924	46
30	John Smoltz	1989	2008	45
31	Mark Langston	1984	1994	44
32	Gaylord Perry	1965	1982	44
33	Javier Vázquez	1999	2011	43
34	Kerry Wood	1998	2004	41
35	Camilo Pascual	1956	1967	41
36	David Price	2009	2019	40

SINGLE SEASON 10+ K GAMES

RK	PLAYER	TM	YEAR	G
1	Randy Johnson	Ari	2001	23
2	Randy Johnson	Ari	2000	23
3	Randy Johnson	Ari	1999	23
4	Nolan Ryan	Cal	1973	23
5	Gerrit Cole	Hou	2019	21
6	Sandy Koufax	LAD	1965	21
7	Randy Johnson	TOT	1998	20
8	Nolan Ryan	Cal	1977	20
9	Pedro Martínez	Bos	1999	19
10	Max Scherzer	Was	2018	18
11	Chris Sale	Bos	2017	18
12	Pedro Martínez	Mon	1997	18
13	Nolan Ryan	Tex	1989	18
14	Curt Schilling	Phi	1997	17
15	Nolan Ryan	Cal	1972	17
16	Sam McDowell	Cle	1965	17
17	Randy Johnson	Sea	1995	16
18	Corey Kluber	Cle	2017	15
19	Max Scherzer	Was	2017	15
20	Randy Johnson	Ari	2002	15
21	Pedro Martínez	Bos	2000	15
22	Curt Schilling	Phi	1998	15
23	Dwight Gooden	NYM	1984	15
24	Sandy Koufax	LAD	1966	15

LATE SUNDAY: SAN FRANCISCO 6, OAKLAND 4

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pederson lf	2	0	1	0	1	.246
a-Slater ph-cf-if2	0	1	1	0	0	.270
Gonzalez rf-if	4	0	0	0	1	.274
Johnson cf	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Davis 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.241
Belt 1b	4	2	0	0	1	.236
Wade Jr. dh	1	0	0	0	1	.185
b-Flores dh	2	1	0	0	1	.249
Estrada 2b	4	1	1	2	0	.262
Crawford ss	4	2	2	0	2	.220
Yastrzemski cf-rf	4	2	2	3	1	.225
Bart c	4	1	0	0	1	.212
TOTALS	36	6	9	6	11	
Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Kemp lf	4	0	0	1	2	.212
Laureano rf	5	0	0	0	1	.220
Murphy c	3	1	2	0	0	.251
Brown 1b	5	1	2	2	1	.238
Lowrie dh	5	0	0	0	1	.180
Bride 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.222
MacInch 3b	4	2	0	0	1	.198
Allen ss	3	0	1	0	1	.211
c-Vogt ph	1	0	1	0	0	.158
1-Andrus pr-ss	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Bolt cf	3	0	1	1	0	.218
TOTALS	36	4	9	4	6	

Kemp lf	4	0	0	1	2	212	1
Laureano rf	5	0	0	0	1	222	0
Murphy c	3	1	2	0	0	251	0
Brown 1b	5	1	2	2	1	238	0
Lowrie dh	5	0	0	0	0	180	0
Bride 2b	4	0	1	0	0	222	0
Machin 3b	3	2	1	0	1	198	0
Allen ss	3	0	1	0	1	211	0
c-Vogt ph	1	0	1	0	0	158	0
1-Andrus pr-ss	0	0	0	0	0	240	0
Bolt cf	3	0	1	1	0	218	0
TOTALS	36	4	9	4	6		

San Francisco	001 012 020	—	6	9	1
Oakland	000 010 120	—	4	9	0

a-doubled for Pederson in the 5th.
b-balked for Wade Jr. in the 6th, c-single for Allen in the 8th. 1-ran for Vogt in the 8th. E: Crawford (12). **LOB:** San Francisco 8, Oakland 10. **2B:** Slater (10), Machin (2). HR: Yastrzemski (10), off Martinez; Estrada (10), off Puk; Yastrzemski (11), off Pruitt; Brown (17), off Leone. **RBIs:** Yastrzemski 3 (41), Slater (25), Estrada 2 (43), Bolt (10), Kemp (22), Brown 2 (48). SB: Bolt (4), Slater (9). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 3 (Belt 2, Flores); Oakland 6 (Murphy, Bibeau, Bolt, Lowrie, Laureano 2). **RISP:** San Francisco 1 for 6; Oakland 1 for 14. **Runners moved up:** Davis, Brown, Lowrie. **GIDP:** Lowrie. **DP:** San Francisco 1 (Davis, Crawford, Belt).

ON THIS DATE AUG. 9

1939: Red Rolfe of the Yankees started a streak of 18 consecutive games in which he scored at least one run. During those games, he scored a total of 30 runs.

1960: Ted Williams of the Red Sox hit home run No. 511 to tie Mel Ott for fourth place on the all-time list.

1975: Davey Lopes of the Los Angeles Dodgers stole his 32nd consecutive base without being caught in a 2-0 victory over the New York Mets, breaking Max Carey's 1922 record. Lopes tacked on six more steals before being caught on Aug. 24.

1976: John Candelaria became the first Pirate pitcher in 69 years to throw a no-hitter in Pittsburgh by blanking the Los Angeles Dodgers 2-0. Candelaria's no-hitter came at Three Rivers Stadium. No Pirate ever threw a no-hitter at Forbes Field.

1981: Baseball returned following the strike with the All-Star game in Cleveland before a crowd of 72,086. Gary Carter of the Montreal Expos hit two home runs to give the NL a 5-4 triumph over the AL. Vida Blue became the first pitcher to win an All-Star game in both leagues. His AL victory came in 1971 at Detroit.

TEAM BATTING STATISTICS

TM	R/G	R	H	2B	HR	SB	AVG
TOR	4.81	520	977	207	139	46	.264
COL	4.45	494	998	203	99	30	.262
LAD	5.29	571	955	221	139	70	.260
NYM	4.80	523	963	185	111	36	.259
CHW	4.31	466	966	186	93	39	.257
BOS	4.48	493	957	246	107	39	.253
STL	4.68	505	920	184	122	68	.252
CLE	4.33	468	923	197	86	68	.251
MIN	4.52	488	917	186	133	20	.251
PHI	4.78	516	915	167	146	65	.250
ATL	4.75	522	930	202	167	60	.249
WSN	3.80	418	907	175	86	46	.248
KCR	3.93	428	904	167	92	68	.246
NYF	5.31	579	899	158	186	70	.246
HOU	4.42	486	881	192	151	53	.241
CHC	4.10	439	870	179	104	69	.241
MIL	4.63	500	871	169	151	67	.240
SDP	4.37	485	896	188	97	33	.240
CIN	4.31	461	845	167	103	43	.239
TEX	4.45	487	877	152	133	82	.239
TBR	4.41	443	867	189	96	63	.239
MIA	3.84	415	853	163	100	90	.236
BAL	4.24	454	858	193	110	69	.236
SFG	4.57	494	843	175	127	50	.234
SEA	4.05	445	850	166	122	56	.233
LAA	3.89	424	828	146	122	59	.229
ARI	4.25	455	800	165	123	49	.227
DET	3.22	354	819	157	65	28	.227
PIT	3.63	392	783	147	108	50	.221
OAK	3.43	374	772	172	101	61	.216

TM	RBI	BB	2B	OBP	SLG	OPS
TOR	507	321	843	.328	.436	.764
COL	471	321	869	.324	.406	.730
LAD	542	402	889	.336	.446	.781
NYM	498	336	826	.330	.409	.739
CHW	443	255	840	.311	.386	.697
BOS	471	311	920	.314	.408	.721
STL	484	352	839	.323	.410	.734
CLE	445	307	759	.314	.385	.699
MIN	472	353	877	.321	.417	.738
PHI	496	322	897	.314	.424	.738
ATL	496	310	1030	.312	.440	.753
WSN	399	332	787	.315	.373	.688
KCR	409	319	858	.309	.382	.691
NYF	553	433	914	.331	.445	.776
HOU	471	374	819	.316	.422	.738
CHC	411	346	949	.315	.388	.703
MIL	487	389	946	.321	.419	.741
SDP	470	388	911	.316	.377	.694
CIN	441	299	948	.308	.379	.688
TEX	454	312	948	.301	.395	.697
TBR	420	340	960	.309	.378	.687
MIA	392	289	936	.299	.371	.670
BAL	428	308	945	.304	.389	.693
SFG	473	392	940	.318	.395	.712
SEA	427	395	935	.316	.385	.700
LAA	405	326	1049	.299	.382	.680
ARI	428	375	900	.305	.389	.694
DET	339	258	940	.283	.333	.616
PIT	367	319	1000	.289	.364	.653
OAK	350	270	918	.277	.348	.625

LATE SUNDAY: L.A. DODGERS 4, SAN DIEGO 0

LAT. SUNDAY:						
L.A. DODGERS 4, SAN DIEGO 0						
San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Profar lf	4	0	1	0	0	.253
Soto rf	2	0	0	0	0	.249
Machado 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.289
Bell 1b	3	0	0	0	0	.297
Drury dh	3	0	0	0	0	.268
Cronenwht 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.236
Myers cf	2	0	0	0	1	.236
a-Grisham cf	1	0	0	0	0	.194
Kim ss	3	0	1	0	0	.247
Nola c	2	0	0	0	1	.243
d-Mazara ph	1	0	0	0	0	.269
TOTALS	28	0	2	0	4	

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	12	3	9	45	41	18
New York City FC	12	5	6	42	43	24
CF Montréal	12	8	4	40	40	39
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	7	7	37	38	30
Columbus	8	6	9	33	31	26
Cincinnati	8	8	8	32	40	43
Chicago	8	10	6	30	27	30
Orlando City	8	10	6	30	27	36
Inter Miami CF	8	10	6	30	29	39
New England	7	7	9	30	35	34
Charlotte FC	9	13	2	29	30	34
Atlanta	7	9	7	28	31	34
Toronto FC	7	12	5	26	34	42
D.C. United	6	13	4	22	28	47
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA

Los Angeles FC	16	4	3	51	48	24
Austin FC	13	5	4	45	50	31
FC Dallas	9	7	9	36	34	27
Minnesota United 10	9	5	35	38	34	
Real Salt Lake	9	8	7	34	31	33
Nashville	8	8	9	33	33	34
Portland	7	6	12	33	41	37
Seattle	10	12	2	32	31	29
LA Galaxy	9	11	3	30	32	32
Colorado	8	9	6	30	34	36
Vancouver	8	10	6	30	27	39
Houston	7	13	4	25	29	39
San Jose	5	10	9	24	39	49
Sporting KC	6	14	5	23	23	44

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY, ALL-STAR MATCH
Allianz Field, St. Paul, Minn.
MLS Stars vs. Liga MX Stars, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Orlando City at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6p.m.
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United at New England, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
New York City FC at Miami, 8p.m.
Sporting KC at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9p.m.
San Jose at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Vancouver at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.
Charlotte FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Minnesota at Nashville, 9p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Seattle, 10p.m.

WNBL CLUBS

WNBL CLUBS	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	6	1	7	25	34	14
San Diego	7	4	25	21	13	
Houston	7	4	3	24	16	17
Chicago	6	3	5	23	22	17
Kansas City	6	4	4	22	16	14
OL Reign	5	4	6	21	17	17
Angel City	5	5	3	18	14	16
Orlando	3	5	6	15	16	30
Louisville	2	6	7	13	16	22
Gotham FC	4	8	12	9	24	
Washington	1	5	9	12	15	29
North Carolina	2	5	4	10	20	22

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Portland at Washington, 7:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
Louisville at Houston, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Kansas City at North Carolina, 8p.m.
Orlando at San Diego, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Kansas City 2, San Diego 1
Chicago 2, Gotham FC 0
Houston 2, OL Reign 1
Angel City 2, Orlando 2

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Tottenham	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Bournemouth	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Man City	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Newcastle	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Brighton	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Chelsea	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Brentford	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Fulham	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Leicester	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Man United	1	0	0	1	2	1	0
Wolverhampton	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Everton	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Notting. Forest	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
West Ham	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Southampton	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Aston Villa vs. Everton, 7:30a.m.
Arsenal vs. Leicester, 10a.m.
Brighton vs. Newcastle, 10a.m.
Man City vs. Bournemouth, 10a.m.
Southampton vs. Leeds, 10a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Fulham, 10a.m.
Brentford vs. Man United, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Notting. Forest vs. West Ham, 9a.m.
Chelsea vs. Tottenham, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 15
Liverpool vs. Crystal Palace, 3p.m.

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	25	8	.758	—
x-Connecticut	22	11	.667	3
x-Washington	20	14	.588	5½
Atlanta	14	19	.424	11
New York	13	19	.406	11½
Indiana	5	29	.147	20½
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Las Vegas	23	10	.697	—
x-Seattle	20	13	.606	3
Dallas	16	16	.500	6½
Phoenix	14	19	.424	9
Minnesota	13	20	.394	10
Los Angeles	13	20	.394	10

x-clinched playoff spot

MONDAY'S RESULT
New York at Dallas, late

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Chicago, 8p.m.
Atlanta at Las Vegas, 10p.m.
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
New York at Dallas, 8p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 94, Connecticut 91
Las Vegas 89, Seattle 81
Los Angeles 79, Washington 76
Minnesota 81, Atlanta 71

AUTO RACING

LATE SUNDAY/NASCAR CUP FIREKEMPERS CASINO 400	DRIVER	M	LAPS	PT
1	Kevin Harvick	F	200	43
2	Bubba Wallace	T	200	35
3	Denny Hamlin	T	200	35
4	Joey Logano	F	200	36
5	Ryan Blaney	F	200	32
6	Martin Truex Jr.	T	200	38
7	Kyle Larson	C	200	38
8	Erik Jones	C	198	21
9	Alex Bowman	C	200	31
10	Ty Gibbs	T	200	31
11	Chase Elliott	C	200	26
12	William Byron	C	200	31
13	Austin Dillon	C	200	28
14	Ty Dillon	C	200	23
15	Brad Keselowski	F	200	28
16	Chris Buescher	F	200	27
17	Justin Haley	C	200	20
18	Austin Hill	C	200	0
19	Corey LaJoie	C	200	18
20	Chase Briscoe	F	200	18
21	Josh Bicki	C	200	0
22	Cody Ware	F	200	15
23	BJ McLeod	F	199	0
24	Ross Chastain	C	199	18
25	Daniel Suárez	C	198	21
26	Christopher Bell	T	193-a	28
27	Todd Gilliland	F	188	10
28	Michael McDowell	F	187	9
29	Tyler Reddick	C	110	8
30	Noah Gragson	C	109-a	0
31	Cole Custer	F	94-a	6
32	Harrison Burton	F	29-a	5
33	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	C	25-a	4
34	Aric Almirola	F	25-a	3
35	Jay Yeley	F	24-a	0
36	Kyle Busch	T	24-a	1
37	Austin Cindric	F	24-a	1

a-accident; e-engine; C-Chevrolet; F-Ford; T-Toyota

Winner's average speed: 137.826 mph.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AFCA PRESEASON TOP 25	RK.	SCHOOL	W-L	PTS	LP
1. Alabama (54)	13-2	1634	2		
2. Ohio St. (5)	11-2	1564	5		
3. Georgia (6)	14-1	1542	1		
4. Clemson	10-3	1356	16		
5. Notre Dame	11-2	1284	9		
6. Michigan	12-2	1232	9		
7. Texas A&M	8-4	1219	25		
8. Utah	10-4	1134	12		
9. Oklahoma	11-2	1027	10		
10. Baylor	12-2	891	6		
11. Oklahoma State	12-2	859	7		
12. Oregon	10-4	734	21		
13. NC State	9-3	726	19		
14. Michigan St.	11-2	711	8		
15. Southern Cal	4-8	602	--		
16. Pittsburgh	11-3	450	13		
17. Miami	7-5	433	--		
18. Texas (1)	5-7	383	--		
19. Wake Forest	11-3	381	14		
20. Wisconsin	9-4	369	--		
21. Kentucky	10-3	353	15		
22. Cincinnati	13-1	339	4		
23. Arkansas	9-4	334	20		
24. Mississippi	10-3	327	11		
25. Houston	12-2	257	17		

Others: Iowa (10-4) 248; Penn State (7-6) 246; Tennessee (7-6) 163; Brigham Young (10-3) 152; LSU (6-7) 143; Auburn (6-7) 98; Central Florida (9-4) 55; North Carolina (6-7) 34; San Diego State (12-2) 25; Fresno State (10-3) 21; Mississippi State (7-6) 19; Florida (6-7) 17; Air Force (10-3) 12; Utah State (11-3) 12; Appalachian State (10-4) 10; Boise State (9-4) 6; South Carolina (7-6) 5; Kansas State (8-5) 4; Army (9-4) 3; Iowa State (7-6) 3; Coastal Carolina (11-2) 2; Louisiana-Lafayette (13-1) 2; SMU (8-4) 2; Oregon State (7-6) 2; Purdue (9-4) 2; Florida State (5-7) 1; Louisville (6-7) 1; Texas-San Antonio (12-2) 1.

TENNIS

ATP NATIONAL BANK OPEN
Monday at Uniprix Stadium & Aviva Centre, Montreal, outdoors, hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#12 Diego Schwartzman vs. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, late
#14 Roberto Bautista Agut vs. Marcos Giron, late

Alex Molcan d. Mackenzie McDonald, 7-6(1), 6-4.

Karen Khachanov vs. Francisco Cerundolo, late

Emil Ruusuvuori vs. Stan Wawrinka, late

Jenson Brooksby vs. Alexander Bublik, late

Hugo Gaston vs. Jack Draper, late

Alex de Minaur vs. Denis Shapovalov, late

Holger Rune vs. Fabio Fognini, late

Monday at Aviva Centre Stadium, Toronto, outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
#13 Leylah Fernandez vs. Storm Sanders, late

#14 Karolina Pliskova d. Barbora Krejickova, 6-3, 6-4.

#15 Simona Halep d. Donna Vekic, 6-0, 6-2.

#16 Jelena Ostapenko d. Anhelina Kalinina, 6-4, 6-2.

Beatriz Haddad Maia d. Martina Trevisan, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Elena Rybakina d. Marie Bouzkova, 7-5, 6-7(3), 6-1.

Serena Williams d. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, 6-3, 6-4.

Sloane Stephens vs. Sofia Kenin, late

Asia Muhammad vs. Madison Keys, late

Caroline Garcia vs. Alize Cornet, late

Yulia Putintseva vs. Katherine Sebov, late

Petra Kvitova vs. Alison Riske-Amritraj, late

Venus Williams vs. Jil Teichmann, late

WTA THOREAU TENNIS OPEN 125
Monday at The Thoreau Club, Concord, Mass., outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Ysaline Bonaventure d. #3 Varvara Gracheva, 6-2, 7-5.
#4 Magdalena Frech d. Anastasia Tikhonova, 6-4, 6-2.
Karolina Muchova d. Mirjam Bjorklund, 6-2, 6-1.
Anna Blinkova d. Varvara Flink, 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-2.
Taylor Townsend d. Lulu Sun, 6-3, 6-0.
Coco Vandeweghe d. Alycia Parks, 6-4, 6-4.

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	11	27
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Las Vegas	1	0	0	1.000	27	11
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
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N.Y. Giants at New England, 7p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 7:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Detroit, 6p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 7p.m.
Arizona at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7:

SPORTS

GIANTS TRAINING CAMP

Johnson standing out among receivers group

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

Giants wide receiver Collin Johnson was a mainstay on the first-string offense during Sunday's goal-line heavy practice. He has earned that promotion with stand-out play, and it's encouraging to see coach Brian Daboll running a meritocracy — rewarding the best performers with more significant snaps. “As a player, I feel like when coaches do that, players really respect that,” Johnson, a third-year vet, said Sunday. “Because they feel that it's within their control. Every day they show up, if they perform [well], they're going to get a chance with the staff. “And I feel that's important mentally for a player. So I respect coaches who do that. Coach Daboll and the whole staff preach that all the time. They don't care

if you're undrafted, first-round pick, whatever. If you can play, you can play.” Johnson, 24, a 2020 fifth-round pick by the Jaguars, earned opportunities under Joe Judge in his first Giants season of 2021, too. But he has hit another gear in this camp: frequently open, catching everything and doing whatever is asked at a high level. He's shown a solid chemistry with backup QB Tyrod Taylor, which has earned him more chances with first-string QB Daniel Jones. Johnson credited hard offseason training in Los Angeles with a track coach and receiving coach for his ability to sustain so far. “I got on the track a lot to get in shape, take care of my body, get the endurance for the tax that training camp puts on your body,” Johnson said. “The better shape you're in, the easier practice and games will be. Endurance always helps.”

There are a lot of names better known in the Giants' receiving corps, but if Joe Schoen and Daboll picked their team today, it seems clear Johnson would be on it. Not that he's focusing on his place on the depth chart at all. “Every day I wake up I try to be better than yesterday,” Johnson said. “And I try to be process oriented, not just result oriented. So I try not to think about if I'm going with the threes, twos, ones. If I have 10 catches, one catch, no catches. If I'm asked to block ... The results take care of themselves when you focus on the process.”

Holden settling in: Offensive tackle Will Holden worked out for the Giants last Thursday, signed and practiced Friday, then spent his Saturday off day at Citi Field taking in the Mets and the Braves. “I took my iPad, went and looked at some

plays and watched some baseball,” Holden, 28, said Sunday with a smile. Holden isn't a Mets fan by chance. His father-in-law, David Musicant, was affiliated with the club's previous ownership group. And his wife's family are Giants fans living in Bergen County. Holden even used to work out at the Wyck-off YMCA during summer breaks at Vanderbilt. Joining the Giants is extra “special,” though, because Holden and his wife just had their first baby, a boy, and now the family can be closer as he fights for a roster spot. “When that call came, my mother-in-law was in town in Nashville helping to babysit, and it was a frenzy,” Holden said. “We packed up, flew up to New York, which we do very often. We fly into LaGuardia, very close to Citi Field, hop over for some games... I'm happy to be here.”

PATRIOTS TRAINING CAMP

Scarnecchia opens up about new offense

By Karen Guregian
Boston Herald

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Dante Scarnecchia hasn't watched any of the Patriots' padded practices in person. But the offensive line guru has certainly read about all the difficulties the team, and his old O-line in particular, have had adjusting to the new outside zone running scheme, which is now being paired with a bootleg, play-action passing game. His reaction? Relax, it's not panic time just yet. Scarnecchia believes Bill Belichick will know after joint practices with the Panthers and Raiders and the team's three preseason games if the scheme is a worthy pursuit or if the Pats should just keep it in their back pocket. “I would say this, in fairness to everyone, I just think this is the wrong time to evaluate it. The pads have come on, but they're not playing real football yet,” Scarnecchia told the Herald on Monday. “Whenever they play the Giants, we'll have a better idea where this thing is. Even at that point, it's not totally fair to say they can't (do it). “I think there's a (three-game) process at hand, where we'll have a better idea where this thing is going. ... What doesn't look good in training camp early has no bearing on anything.” Scarnecchia would know, having won five Super Bowls and coached the Patriots offensive line for 18 years under Belichick. But what if the offense still looks clunky at the end of the month? In Scar's view, Belichick will scrap it. Others who have played for Belichick — former linebacker Ted Johnson for one — disagree, believing the head coach will stubbornly stay with the new way. Scarnecchia, however, was firm in his take. “Bill's never been one to say, ‘We're going to run this no matter how it looks,’ ” he said. “He won't do that. I can remember him saying numerous times, ‘We're going on to something else.’ “But in the meantime, you can't stick your toe in the water and say this is what it's going to be. You've just got to make the leap, trust the techniques, and trust the guys involved. “They're good enough up front, and



Joe Judge, offensive assistant and quarterbacks coach, watches as Mac Jones sets up for a throw during Patriots training camp at Gillette Stadium on Aug. 3. NANCY LANE/BOSTON HERALD

I'm sure they're good enough at tight end, and all the rest of it. You can run behind Trent Brown or Isaiah Wynn.” As for the notion that the Patriots never switched to a Kyle Shanahan-like scheme because former offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, Scar and former running backs coach Ivan Fears vetoed it, the former O-line coach denied it unequivocally. “I can tell you without a doubt, we ran the outside zone play,” said Scarnecchia. “What we didn't run off that action are the bootlegs off that, which is what you're seeing from San Francisco, the Rams, all those teams where that came from. And why didn't we do that?” The answer is because Tom Brady, as great as he was, wasn't suited to rolling out and running the bootlegs that the Patriots are now trying to incorporate. Scarnecchia, McDaniels and Fears didn't have to squelch the notion. They didn't have to sway Belichick to stop that in its tracks. It was obvious it wouldn't work with the personnel involved. According to the legendary assistant, they actually tried during Brady's time, even though it didn't seem like the best option for the GOAT. They practiced the boot actions and ran a few in games. But when Brady was stripped of the ball the first time they tried it, that was pretty much the end of that. In other words, no pushback was

necessary. Still, the Patriots did utilize the outside zone from time to time, thanks to having a great blocking tight end in Rob Gronkowski. It wasn't a staple of the offense, but it was certainly in their bag of tricks. “I'd say we were as good a team at running the outside zone to the open side, the non-tight end side, as anybody in football,” said Scarnecchia. “And we were good at running it to the tight end side when we had a good enough tight end to block it — Rob Gronkowski. So we ran it. “We ran it out of two-back sets a lot with Sony Michel (in 2018). ... We ran toss-crack, we ran outside zone, we ran the gap runs inside, whatever we felt like we could do, we did.” And that, Scarnecchia suspects, will be the approach in 2022. They'll go with what works. Then the question becomes whether or not Mac Jones is suited for these moving play-action fakes. Scarnecchia was sure the second-year quarterback was more than capable of accomplishing the mission. “He did it in college, and I think he's got a skill set,” said Scarnecchia. “Mac Jones, I would suspect, is faster than Tom Brady. I'm not saying more athletic, because I think Tom is a fabulous athlete. But I'm sure they're going into it thinking he can do those things. You bootleg, you come out, you throw the ball, and you try to get it thrown fast.”

Waters

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had an interesting basketball journey. The 2017 Gatorade Connecticut Player of the Year was named First Team All-SEC in his sophomore year at LSU, helping lead the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament. He was selected in the second round of the 2019 NBA draft, 51st overall, by the Boston Celtics, and was named the NBA G League Rookie of the Year in 2020. Waters played in 37 games for Boston over two seasons, averaging 3.8 points and 2.1 assists in 9.6 minutes per game before signing with the Milwaukee Bucks, and then being traded to the Lakers' G League team. This fall, he'll continue his journey overseas, as he signed a contract at the end of July to play the upcoming season in France's top league. Before joining Metropolitans 92 in Paris, he'll try to help the Puerto Rico men's national team qualify for the Olympics. Waters' mother is of Puerto Rican descent. “Along my journey, playing with the Celtics, going to Puerto Rico, going from state to state playing with G League teams — I'm just literally having fun, enjoying it and just trying to give back as much as I can when it comes to helping younger guys play,” Waters said. He scored 29 points on Saturday for the All Faith Memorial Angels after converting several dazzling layups at the rim, sinking a step-back fadeaway jumper and throwing down an alley-oop that ignited the crowd surrounding the perimeter of the court. “The last couple years have been up and down,” Waters said. “Just enjoying the journey, not getting too high on wins, too low on losses. Just taking it day-by-day, doing what I can to control what I can control and try to be an even better person.”

Collier

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a 81-71 win over the Atlanta Dream on Sunday night, back on the court less than three months after giving birth to her daughter, Mila, on May 25. “I was really excited,” Collier said while holding Mila postgame. “Obviously there were some nerves coming in, especially this late in the season and trying to get back here and rush to do everything. But it felt so good to hear my name called and have the fans cheer for me. ... I'm really glad that I played tonight.” The 2019 WNBA Rookie of the Year was inserted into the starting lineup in what was a crucial victory for the Lynx — they are now one game back of a playoff spot with three regular-season contests left. Collier finished with six points (on 2 of 7 shooting), two rebounds, one assist, one block and one steal in 21 minutes, about double the time she expected. “I was surprised when she kept putting me back in, but I wasn't going to say anything,” Collier said. “So it felt really good. I felt a little winded, as to be expected, until the very end when I was really feeling it, but I thought that, you know, not back to where I want to be, but it was a good first game.” Collier averaged 16.2 points, 6.2 rebounds, 3.2 assists, 1.3 steals and 1.3 blocks per game in 2021. Though she didn't put up the same type of numbers Sunday night — and expectedly so — it was an impressive showing for her first performance back. She made a noticeable impact by doing the little things to help Minnesota come away with the win. “Phee does give players confidence,” Reeve said. “Her energy and her movement, it just creates easier things for other people, and then her length defensively is pretty helpful.” Reeve remarked that the performance was “probably about as successful” as she thought it could have been. She also noted how Collier gave the team a boost of momentum in the fourth quarter. With under eight minutes left, Collier drove inside from the top of the arc and burst past her

defender to score a layup, while drawing a foul in the process. The and-one play extended Minnesota's lead to eight points. Collier also drained a 3-pointer from the wing earlier in the game. The second quarter play came off an assist from fellow former UConn star Moriah Jefferson, who finished the night with 18 points, six assists and four rebounds. The duo won a national championship together in 2016, when Collier was a freshman and Jefferson was a senior, but this was their first time playing on the same team in the WNBA. “Some of the same tendencies that she had in college she still has now,” Jefferson said on the postgame broadcast. “So it was cool to get a little skip pass to her and get a 3 knocked down. It's great playing with Phee, and I'm just happy she's back.” Collier had mostly scrimmaged with male practice players leading up to the game. It'll take some time for her to adjust back to game speed as well as learn some of the new plays Minnesota is running this season, and soreness is expected after the first game. But having her back is certainly a boost for the Lynx as they try to make a playoff push. “Each time she plays she's just going to get more comfortable,” Reeve said. “The evolution of her is just kind of getting back in the flow of what we're doing and in which ways that we can possibly get her some easy stuff.” Collier and the Lynx have three games left in the regular season. They play the Phoenix Mercury on Wednesday in what should be a heated contest between two teams trying to claw for a playoff spot. Minnesota then faces two of the top five teams in the league, at home against the Seattle Storm on Friday and at the Connecticut Sun on Sunday. “I'm not going to try to come in and do too much,” Collier said. “I'm going to play my role, give effort like I always do and let the game kind of come to me, not force it, and help us to try to make a playoff push. ... I'm going to come in and do whatever coach asks me to do, whatever I need to do for the team to make that happen.”

Bruins

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But I wanted to play with the Boston Bruins and that's because I believe in this team,” Bergeron said. “A historical team is the only motivation you need, to leave this jersey in a better place.” Bergeron, 37, and Krejci, 36, led the Bruins to the 2011 NHL championship and two other trips to the Stanley Cup Final. Boston was eliminated in the first round of this year's playoffs by the Carolina Hurricanes on May 14 and fired coach Bruce Cassidy three weeks later. Jim Montgomery was hired to replace Cassidy, and the new coach said at his introductory news conference that Bergeron, a five-time Selke Trophy winner, was his first call. Team CEO Charlie Jacobs said Bergeron, who was

unsigned and contemplating retirement, was expected to return. “So, fingers crossed,” he said in July. It worked. “The fire, desire and passion were too strong for me to take that path right now,” Bergeron told reporters. “I'm not ready, I guess, for the next step of my life. I still have some in the tank, something to give.” Bergeron has 400 goals and 582 assists in 18 seasons — all with the Bruins, who selected him in the second round of the 2003 draft. Since then, he has established himself as the league's dominant two-way forward and one of the most respected players in the game. Krejci has 215 goals and 515 assists in 15 years in the NHL — also all with Boston — and led the Bruins in scoring during the 2011 Stanley Cup run with 12 goals and 11 assists in 25 games.

JETS TRAINING CAMP

Becton having MRI on right knee after leaving practice

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — New York Jets offensive tackle Mekhi Becton left practice early Monday after appearing to injure his surgically repaired right knee. Becton, entering his third NFL season, was being evaluated and the team was awaiting MRI results. The 6-foot-7 lineman was run-blocking at right tackle

on the second play of team drills when he went down on the grass and immediately grabbed at his right knee. The 2020 first-round draft pick was down for a few moments before trying to get up and needed assistance from trainers to walk off the field. He took off his pads and eventually walked very gingerly to the locker room with a noticeable limp. “The only thing I got is that it's stable and it seems

fine,” coach Robert Saleh said. “That's preliminary, obviously. We're just going to get it checked for precautionary reasons. But as of now, it doesn't seem like it's a big deal, but knock on wood, hopefully that stays the case.” If Becton is forced to miss any significant time, it would be a major setback for a player in the middle of adjusting to a position change. Becton entered his first two NFL seasons as

the starter on the left side, but suffered a dislocated right kneecap and cartilage damage in the opening game last year at Carolina. He missed the rest of the season and was replaced by George Fant, who slid over from right tackle and played well in Becton's place. Entering training camp, Saleh announced Fant would retain the starting spot at left tackle and Becton would move to the right side.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Gundy read ‘racially charged’ word



A day after Oklahoma assistant head football coach Cale Gundy announced his resignation, the school said Monday that Gundy uttered a racially charged word multiple times during a film session last week. Gundy, who had been with the program as an assistant since 1999, announced his resignation Sunday on social media. “Coach Gundy resigned because he knows what he did was wrong,” first-year Sooners coach Brent Venables said in the statement Monday. “He chose to read aloud to his players, not once but multiple times, a racially charged word that is objectionable to everyone, and does not reflect the attitude and values of our university or our football program. This is not acceptable. Period.” Gundy apologized in his post and explained his resignation. He said he noticed a player was distracted while he was supposed to be taking notes, so he picked up the athlete’s iPad and read aloud the words on the screen. He acknowledged that he said a word that he “should never — under any circumstance — have uttered,” and said he was “horried” when he realized what he had done.

Serena earns 1st win since June ’21



Serena Williams hadn’t won in so long, she said she couldn’t even remember the feeling. She picked up her first victory since the 2021 French Open on Monday, beating Nuria Parrizas-Diaz 6-3, 6-4 at the women’s National Bank Open in Toronto. “I’m just happy to get a win. It’s been a very long time, I forgot what that felt like,” Williams said. It’s just the second tournament of the season for the 40-year-old Williams, who returned to competition at Wimbledon just over a month ago. The 23-time Grand Slam champion fell in the first round to Harmony Tan in three sets at the All England Club. Before then, she last competed at the 2021 Wimbledon tournament, where she retired in the middle of her first match due to a torn hamstring suffered after slipping on the grass surface. Williams, who will turn 41 at the end of September, has won this tournament three times in her storied career and reached the final in her last appearance at the hardcourt event in 2019, losing to Bianca Andreescu when she was forced to stop because of injury.

Eck to close out broadcast career



Hall of Fame pitcher Dennis Eckersley said Monday that he will be leaving the Red Sox broadcasts at the end of the season, his 50th in Major League Baseball. Eckersley, who was drafted by Cleveland as a California high schooler in 1972, went on to pitch 24 seasons as both a 20-win starter and a 50-save reliever for Cleveland, the Red Sox, Cubs, Athletics and Cardinals. He won the AL Cy Young and MVP awards in 1992 while playing for the A’s. He joined NESN in 2003 and stood out for his outspoken and colorful analysis on the Red Sox broadcasts. “After 50 years in Major League Baseball, I am excited about this next chapter of my life,” Eckersley, above, said. “I will continue to be an ambassador for the club and a proud member of Red Sox Nation, while transitioning to life after baseball alongside my wife Jennifer, my children and my grandchildren.” Eckersley, 67, was a six-time All-Star who went 197-171 with a 3.50 ERA in a career in which he pitched 100 complete games as a starter before pioneering the role of the one-inning closer and earning 390 saves. —AP



As he prepares for this season, Chargers Pro Bowl QB Justin Herbert has placed an emphasis on improving his footwork. **ASHLEY LANDIS/AP**

NFL

Ready for the next step

In 3rd season, Herbert aiming to lead Chargers to postseason

By Joe Reedy
Associated Press

COSTA MESA, Calif. — Despite being the offensive rookie of the year in 2020 and then reaching the Pro Bowl last season, Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert still has room to improve going into his third season.

Herbert is focused his footwork. He made it a major focus of his offseason program and has continued to hone in on it during training camp.

“I think all of the drops that tie into the routes — three-step, five-step, seven-step — and being smooth in progressions and going through all of the reads,” said Herbert about what he wanted to improve.

“I’m still experiencing the young aspects of playing in the NFL. I have a lot to learn, but hopefully lots of room for improvement.”

Footwork has been at the top of Herbert’s improvement list going back to when he was preparing for the draft. He didn’t take any snaps under center during his four years at Oregon.

Honing in on footwork took a little bit of a backseat last season as Herbert was getting up to speed with coach Brandon Staley, offensive coordinator Joe Lombardi and quarterback coach Shane Day.

Now that he’s more comfortable in the offense, Herbert’s work on his footwork has become a bigger focus.

Day — also the Chargers passing game coordinator — has noticed improvement from last year’s training camp to offseason workouts and to preseason practices.

“The evolution of that footwork is pretty cool,” Day said. “The second year, kind of once you have the offense down, then you

can focus on the fundamentals. It’s been working through that progression of what’s best and me learning what his body does best too, because he’s a top quarterback. And then figuring out how to implement all that stuff.”

Herbert’s learning curve of learning how to operate under center is part of a process that most QBs have to go through when they come into the NFL. With most high school and college programs running their offense out of the shotgun, the learning curve can be steep and often begins during the pre-draft process and the scouting combine.

Even with getting up to speed with a new offense, Herbert was one of the league’s top quarterbacks last season. He tied the Buccaneers’ Tom Brady for most 300-yard games (nine), was second in completions (443) and passing yards (5,104), and third in passing touchdowns with 38.

Herbert also has the most completions, passing yards, passing touchdowns and total TDs through the first two seasons of a career.

Center Corey Linsley and wide receiver Mike Williams said they have noticed Herbert being more vocal during the first week of camp.

“In the walkthroughs and out here in practice and everything, he is definitely in tune a little bit more with some of the suggestions that we’ve made,” Linsley added. “From an adjustment standpoint, that’s something that he’s shown in the early few days of camp and even in the offseason in OTAs and stuff. We’re like, ‘Hey, man, if you see it, call it. We’re good. As long as we’re on the same page, we’re good. Make the call.’”

Herbert’s biggest goal this season is to get the Chargers into the playoffs for the first time since 2018. They looked as if they were going to get there last year before dropping three of the final four.

“You just have to compete and you have to execute when it matters most. Unfortun-

nately, we fell short of that, but I think we have the team, and definitely the pieces,” Herbert said.

“We’re miles ahead of where we were at this point last year, so now we’re focusing on things that are maybe a little more tough or challenging to tackle, but I think we’re where we need to be right now.”

Mr. INT picking things up: Early in training camp, J.C. Jackson is proving to be a quick study of the Chargers defense.

The 26-year-old cornerback, one of the top defensive signings in the league during the offseason, has been making life difficult for wide receivers during practices. He came up with a big interception Friday during a two-minute drill near the end of practice.

Backup QB Easton Stick threw a pass over the middle intended for Trevon Bradford before Jackson tipped it and then came up with the ball before it hit the ground.

It’s the kind of play that has made Jackson one of the top defensive backs in the league and it was deserving of the nickname of Mr. INT that he gave himself during his four years with the Patriots.

“I’m getting the hang of it. Switching to a new team, you always have to adjust,” Jackson said. “I’m coming out here each and every day, getting to know my teammates and coaches and having fun competing.”

Jackson’s 25 interceptions over the last four seasons are the most in the league. He led the league with 23 passes defended and was second with eight picks as he made his first Pro Bowl last season.

The Patriots, however, didn’t place the franchise tag on Jackson. He wasn’t without a team for long as the Chargers signed him to a five-year, \$82.5 million contract.

The \$16.5 million average per year is tied for ninth-highest in the league among cornerbacks.

NASCAR

Harvick win complicates playoff race

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — NASCAR just got more interesting down the stretch.

Kevin Harvick won his first Cup race in nearly two years at Michigan International Speedway over the weekend — a result that could mean a driver who has a win getting knocked out of the playoffs.

“It creates a big bubble,” Harvick said Sunday.

“I think some of those guys that have won races that hadn’t been doing very good, it creates a real scenario to where there could be at least 16 winners.

“There’s a lot of things that can still happen.”

Just three races remain in the regular season— the next being Sunday at Richmond Raceway in Virginia, and time is running out to secure a spot in the 16-driver postseason.

Fifteen different drivers have won races this year.

If there are two new winners in the final weeks at Richmond, Watkins Glen or Daytona, someone with one win will be eliminated from the playoff based on a tiebreaker on points.

Martin Truex Jr. is No. 4 in points, but he doesn’t have a win and desperately needs one to earn a spot in the round of 16 at Darlington Raceway in South Carolina.

Ryan Blaney is second in points, but he, too, is without a victory.

Should they both land a first-place finish at a race, someone like Austin Cindric or Chase Briscoe could be staying at home next month.

“We’re racing 19 (Cindric) — obviously for points — and try to win the race,” Blaney said after making a late pass to finish fifth.

No one could catch Harvick in his No. 4 Ford following a restart with 35 laps to go at the FireKeepers Casino 400.

Bubba Wallace had maybe the best chance to compete with Harvick, but he choose a path for the No. 23 Toyota that he later lamented.

“I want to win so bad, and this was the best opportunity,” Wallace said, choking back tears after finishing second following his first career pole.

“... I’ll wear this one on my heart for a while. I failed everybody.”

Wallace, driving for 23XI Racing formed by Hornets owner Michael Jordan and Denny Hamlin in 2020, stayed out front until he made a pit stop after 21 laps — two shy of his career high — and the decision that cost him track position due to a crash soon thereafter that included one-fourth of the field.

Harvick, meanwhile, won his 59th career Cup event and ended a 65-race drought that started after winning his ninth race during the 2020 playoffs at Bristol Motor Speedway.

“I’ve been through longer winless streaks,” he said with a shrug.

That’s a fact: Harvick’s longest streak is 115 races from 2007 to 2010.

The Stewart-Haas Racing driver went to Michigan sitting at No. 17 in points and left in ninth place.

It was his sixth win overall at the two-mile oval.

The 46-year-old driver insisted he didn’t need the latest result to boost his confidence.

“Maybe I’m overconfident,” he said. “I expect to win until the door closes.”

Ford certainly needed assurances it could win with the Next Gen car, considering Chevrolet has dominated the series with 13 victories, including four for points leader Chase Elliott.

Harvick gave Ford its first Cup win in two months and fifth of the season to pull into a second-place tie with Toyota.

“We just have to keep pushing and try to run with those (top) guys and we have,” Harvick crew chief Rodney Childers said. “If we can do that in the playoffs and be consistent and get through a round or two, we can make some noise.”

BUSINESS

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Cox Enterprises acquires Axios in \$525 million deal

Founders of online news provider to keep substantial stakes, roles in company

By Benjamin Mullin
The New York Times

Axios, the digital media company that quickly gained traction since its founding five years ago with its distinctive bulletin-style scoops on the realms of politics, business and technology, said Monday that it agreed to sell itself to Cox Enterprises.

The deal, which is set to close this month, values Axios at \$525 million, according to two people with knowledge of the deal.

The deal is structured so that the company's three founders — Jim VandeHei, CEO; Roy Schwartz, president; and Mike Allen, journalist — have financial incentives to stay at the company. Each will be a minority shareholder and will continue to make day-to-day newsroom and business decisions. Alex Taylor, the chief executive and chairman of Cox Enterprises, will join the Axios board.

Axios became a Washington, D.C.-area media fixture shortly after it was founded in 2017, with readers devouring stories about President Donald Trump and his admin-

istration.

Jonathan Swan, Axios' national political correspondent, gained attention for his probing on-camera sit-downs with Trump and White House officials, and newsletters from journalists such as Dan Primack and Sara Fischer captured the attention of the business set.

The deal offers a flicker of hope for the digital publishing sector, which has been fraught with difficulty for investors and operators over the last decade. Some of Axios' peers have struggled to go public, sell or raise funding at favorable valuations as investors cooled on digital advertising, a market dominated by tech giants such as Google, Meta and Amazon.

Axios is selling at roughly five times its projected 2022 revenue of more than \$100 million, according to a person who was familiar with a presentation Axios made to its board. The company was profitable for the last three years but is not expected to be profitable in 2022, partly owing to investments in HQ, its communications software division, the person said.

VandeHei said the company's founders decided to sell now because they found a buyer that was committed to journalism and that would pay a fair price, allowing investors that backed Axios early, including NBCUniversal and Emerson Collective, to receive a substantial return.

VandeHei said it was also important to him that any deal allowed the management team to remain in place because he was not planning to step aside anytime soon.

"Not a chance," VandeHei said. "This is my life's work, it's my passion. I would do it for free."

The deal to acquire Axios harks back to the media roots of Cox Enterprises, a family-owned privately held company based in Atlanta that generates most of its revenue from its cable and broadband businesses.

The company traces its beginnings to 1898, when its founder, James Middleton Cox, bought what is now The Dayton Daily News for \$26,000. In 1939, Cox purchased the newspaper that would eventually become The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and the company still owns both publications.

2nd virtual currency mixing firm sanctioned

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department has imposed sanctions on virtual currency mixer Tornado Cash, which has allegedly helped to launder more than \$7 billion worth of virtual currency since its creation in 2019.

Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control says Tornado Cash's systems were used to launder more than \$96 million drawn from the June Harmony blockchain bridge theft and August Nomad crypto firm heist.

Mixing services combine various digital assets, including potentially illegally obtained funds and legitimately obtained funds, so that illegal actors can obscure the origin of stolen funds.

"Tornado Cash has repeatedly failed to impose effective controls designed to stop it from laundering funds for malicious cyber actors on a regular basis and without basic measures to address its risks," said Brian Nelson, the Treasury Department's undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence.

Nelson said the agency "will continue to aggressively pursue actions against mixers that launder virtual currency for criminals and those who assist them."

Monday's actions are the second-ever set of sanctions imposed on a digital currency blending firm.

In May, the United States announced sanctions against North Korean digital currency mixing firm Blender.io, which was accused of helping Lazarus Group, a sanctioned North Korean cyber hacking group, to carry out a \$620 million digital currency heist in March.

The new sanctions also point to the growing use of digital assets to perpetuate illegal acts by state actors and individuals.



The IRS may finally get the resources it's been asking of Congress, if Democrats get their economic package passed. SUSAN WALSH/AP 2013

IRS central to Dem package

Bill would spend an extra \$79.6B on the beleaguered agency to catch tax cheats

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After more than a decade of mostly losing out, the Internal Revenue Service is finally on a path to get the cash infusion it has long wanted in the economic package that Democrats worked furiously to push through the Senate on Sunday and send to the House.

Under a deal worked out by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, the bill would spend an extra \$79.6 billion on the beleaguered agency over the next 10 years. The plan would generate an additional \$203.7 billion in revenue for the federal government in that time frame, for a net gain of more than \$124 billion, the Congressional Budget Office projects.

The IRS proposal has become a magnet for GOP attacks, testing Democratic unity as they try to deliver on key climate and health care priorities ahead of the fall midterm elections.

Democrats say the IRS investment is needed to ensure that corporations and wealthier Americans pay what they owe in taxes. But Republicans warn it will lead to increased scrutiny of small-business owners and others who are burdened enough.

The IRS has been mostly on the losing end of congressional funding fights over the past dozen years. In April, IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig told members of the Senate Finance Committee the agency's budget has decreased by more than 15% over the past decade when accounting for inflation and that the number of full-time employees at 79,000 in the last fiscal year was close to 1974 levels.

Enforcement staffing has been hit even harder, falling by some 30% since 2010, even though the filing population increased.

"Every measure that is important to effective tax administration has suffered tremendously in recent years, with profound deficiencies resulting from underinvestment in human capital and information technology," Rettig said.

Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., a longtime member of the Senate Finance Committee, said he hears the same thing from IRS commissioners every few years, regardless of whether they're serving a Republican or

Democratic administration.

"They beg us to provide some resources to the IRS so they can do their job," he said.

Democrats see an opportunity to change that. More than half of their proposed spending increase would go to enforcement. The next biggest chunk, \$25.3 billion, would go to operations support, such as rent, security and postage. Another \$4.75 billion would go to improve other technology designed to improve customer service. And \$3.2 billion would go to pre-filing and educational assistance.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden, D-Ore., called the investment "essential as a tool to making sure we have a rational tax policy."

"This will give us the chance to raise the revenue from wealthy tax cheats who are getting out of paying what they owe," Wyden said.

GOP lawmakers decry the plan.

"In a time of inflation, Democrats also want to spend \$80 billion to roughly double the size of the IRS so they can take more money out of the American people through harassment and audits, using taxpayer money to make taxpayers' lives worse," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said on the Senate floor Thursday.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Boeing gets OK on 787 deliveries

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators said Monday that they are satisfied with changes Boeing has made in the production of its 787 Dreamliner passenger jet, clearing the way for the company to resume deliveries to airline customers "in the coming days."

The Federal Aviation Administration announcement confirmed reports late last month and came days after the agency's acting chief met with safety inspectors who oversee Boeing.

Production of the big, two-aisle 787 has been marred by several problems, including gaps between panels of the carbon-composite skin and use of unapproved titanium parts from a supplier in Italy.

The FAA said it will inspect each plane before it is approved for delivery.

China exports grow during July

BEIJING — China's export growth continued to rise in July, sending trade surplus to a record high, according to government data.

China's exports grew 18% to \$333 billion, compared to the same period last year, and were up from 17.9% in June, according to data from China's customs.

Imports, however, remained soft, growing 2.3% in July, compared to a year ago. That was lower than economists' estimates of 4%.

China's total trade surplus reached an all-time high of \$101.3 billion in July, breaking the record set in June.

The country's economy has rebounded from earlier in the year when tough COVID-19 restrictions including a two-month lockdown in Shanghai and other measures across China disrupted manufacturing.

Pfizer to spend \$5.4B in hematology deal

By Tom Murphy and Michelle Chapman
Associated Press

Pfizer will spend about \$5.4 billion to buy Global Blood Therapeutics as the pharmaceutical giant continues to invest some of the cash influx reaped during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pfizer said Monday that the acquisition will boost its work in rare hematology. Global Therapeutics, which was founded in 2011, makes Oxbryta tablets for treating sickle cell disease.

Pfizer has been flush with cash since its COVID-19 vaccine, Comirnaty, and its treatment, Paxlovid, have hit the market, starting with the vaccine in late 2020. The

drugmaker has now announced deals valued at a total of nearly \$19 billion, counting debt, since late last year.

The latest deal follows Pfizer's \$11.6 billion acquisition of Biohaven, which the companies announced in May, and a \$6.7 billion acquisition of Arena Pharmaceuticals announced last December.

Pfizer also detailed in April a smaller acquisition of the privately held ReViral Ltd., which is developing a treatment for respiratory syncytial virus.

Pfizer's vaccine and treatment brought in more than \$16 billion combined just in the recently completed second quarter.

Comirnaty rang up nearly \$37 billion in sales last year alone, but those sales are expected to fade in a few years.

The company plans to have about \$25 billion in sales by 2030 come from new business developments.

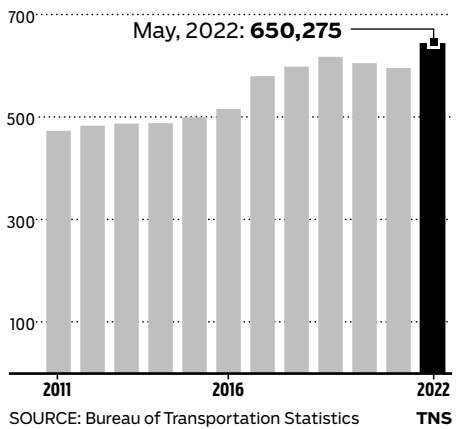
The drugmaker said Monday that the sickle cell disease franchise of Global Blood Therapeutics, which includes treatments still in development, could eventually reach peak sales of more than \$3 billion.

Oxbryta sales were about \$195 million last year, but Pfizer said it plans to speed up distribution of the drug to parts of the world most impacted by the disease.

Sickle cell disease is an inherited blood disorder that can lead to bouts of acute pain and organ damage. It occurs particularly among people of African descent. The companies say there are 4.5 million people living with the disease globally.

Airline employment

Employment at U.S. passenger airlines, scale in thousands of full-time equivalent jobs in May of each year



BUSINESS



Workers carry material during the construction of Jakarta International Stadium in 2021 in Indonesia. Asia-Pacific economies are forecast to slow sharply this year. DITA ALANGKARA/AP

Pacific rim economies slow, sapped by inflation and war

By Elaine Kurtenbach
Associated Press

BANGKOK — Economies in the Asia-Pacific are forecast to hit the doldrums this year as decades-high inflation and the war in Ukraine compound geopolitical uncertainties and the after-effects of the pandemic.

A new report on Pacific Rim economies by the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum said that growth in the region will likely fall by more than half this year to 2.5% from 5.9% last year, when many countries were recovering from the worst of their COVID-19 outbreaks.

Weaker growth in the U.S. and China is a big factor behind the regional malaise, though other economies are also slowing. Russia's economy is expected to contract due to the implications of its war in Ukraine, and the three economies account for nearly 70% of the APEC region's GDP, the report released Friday said.

The report forecast that regional growth would only pick up slightly in 2023, to 2.6%.

Most economies in the

region are just beginning to fully emerge from border closures and other pandemic-related precautions. Tourists have reappeared on the streets of Bangkok, but many businesses remain shuttered, casualties of the many months when travel was virtually paralyzed.

In China, where authorities are still imposing lockdowns to wipe out COVID-19 outbreaks, the economy contracted 2.6% in the three months ending in June, compared with the previous quarter, after Shanghai and other cities were shut down to fight coronavirus outbreaks.

The U.S. economy contracted by 0.9% in April-June, while Russia's economy shrank 0.5% in January-June compared with a year before, according to its Ministry of Economic Development.

Japan's economy shrank at a 0.5% annual rate in January-March and is forecast to expand only 2% in the fiscal year ending in March 2023.

Some economies are doing better. Indonesia reported Friday that its economy grew at a better-

than-expected 5.4% annual rate in the April-June quarter as it bounced back from a wave of omicron variant coronavirus infections.

An exporter of raw materials such as coal and palm oil, the country saw its exports jump nearly 20% in the last quarter as prices for materials soared. But that windfall is likely to dissipate as price increases ease or reverse, analysts said.

“We expect slowing growth in the rest of the world to take its toll ... as commodity prices continue to recede. On the domestic front, headwinds from high inflation, which reached a seven-year high and is set to rise further in the coming months, are growing,” Alex Holmes of Oxford Economics said in a commentary.

India is also growing faster than much of the rest of the region. Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das projected growth would remain robust, at 7.2% in the financial year ending in March 2023. But to counter inflation that hit 6.7% in June, the central bank raised its key interest rate on Friday by a half percentage point to 5.4%.

Agency probes Tesla crashes that killed 2 motorcyclists

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Two crashes involving Teslas apparently running on Autopilot are drawing scrutiny from federal regulators and point to a potential new hazard on U.S. freeways: The partially automated vehicles may not stop for motorcycles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sent investigation teams to two crashes last month in which Teslas collided with motorcycles on freeways in the darkness. Both were fatal.

The agency suspects that Tesla's partially automated driver-assist system was in use in each. The agency says that once it gathers more information, it may include the crashes in an broader probe of Teslas striking emergency vehicles parked along freeways.

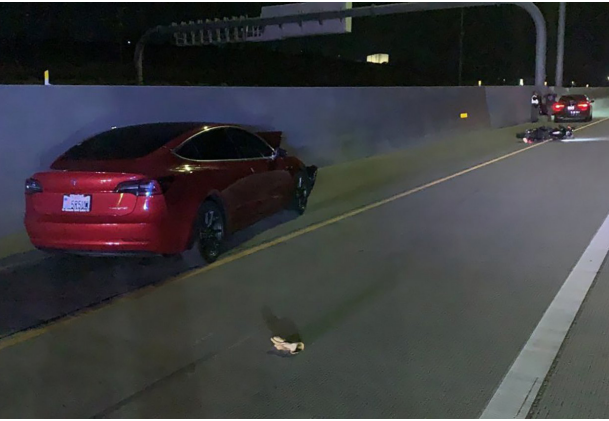
NHTSA also is investigating over 750 complaints that Teslas can brake for no reason.

The first crash involving a motorcyclist happened at 4:47 a.m. July 7 on State Route 91, a freeway in Riverside, California. A white Tesla Model Y SUV was traveling east in the high occupancy vehicle lane. Ahead of it was a rider on a green Yamaha V-Star motorcycle, the California Highway Patrol said in a statement.

The vehicles then collided, and the unidentified motorcyclist was ejected from the Yamaha. He was pronounced dead at the scene by the Fire Department.

Whether the Tesla was operating on Autopilot remains under investigation, a CHP spokesman said.

The second crash happened at 1:09 a.m. July 24 on Interstate 15 near Draper, Utah. A Tesla Model 3 sedan was behind a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, also in an HOV lane.



The scene of an accident involving a Tesla and a motorcycle in which the motorcyclist was killed on July 24 near Draper, Utah. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

“The driver of the Tesla did not see the motorcyclist and collided with the back of the motorcycle, which threw the rider from the bike,” the Utah Department of Public Safety said in a prepared statement.

The rider, identified as Landon Embry, 34, of Orem, Utah, died at the scene. The Tesla driver told authorities that he had the vehicle's Autopilot setting on, the statement said.

Michael Brooks, acting executive director of the nonprofit Center for Auto Safety, called on NHTSA to recall Tesla's Autopilot because it is not recognizing motorcyclists, emergency vehicles or pedestrians.

“It's pretty clear to me, and it should be to a lot of Tesla owners by now, this stuff isn't working properly, and it's not going to live up to the expectations, and it is putting innocent people in danger on the roads,” Brooks said.

Since 2016, NHTSA has sent teams to 39 crashes in which automated driving systems are suspected of being in use, according to agency documents. Of those, 30 involved Teslas, including crashes that caused 19 deaths.

“What the hell are they doing while these crashes continue to occur?” Brooks asked. “Drivers are being

lured into thinking this protects them and others on the roads, and it's just not working.”

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has eliminated use of radar from his systems and relies solely on cameras and computer memory. Brooks and others say the lack of radar hurts vision in the darkness.

Tesla has said that Autopilot and “Full Self-Driving” cannot drive themselves, and that drivers should be ready to intervene at all times.

The Los Angeles Times on Friday reported that California's Department of Motor Vehicles has accused Tesla of false advertising in its promotion of Autopilot and Full Self-Driving. The accusations came in complaints filed with the state's Office of Administrative Hearings on July 28, the Times reported.

In a June interview, new NHTSA Administrator Steven Cliff said the agency is intensifying efforts to understand risks posed by automated vehicles so it can decide what regulations may be necessary to protect drivers, passengers and pedestrians.

There are no federal regulations that directly cover either self-driving vehicles or those with partially automated driver-assist systems such as Autopilot.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

▲ DOW

32,832.54 +29.07

▼ 10-YR T-BOND

2.75% -0.8

▲ GOLD

\$1,786.80 +13.90

33,120

32,400

31,680

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Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 32,832.54

Change: 29.07 (0.1%)

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	90.76	89.01	+20.68%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	7.59	8.06	+103.46%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.89	2.86	+29.52%

METALS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Gold (oz)	1,786.80	1,772.90	-2.23%
Silver (oz)	20.59	19.82	-11.73%

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.2072	.8284
Canada	.7773	1.2866
China	.1481	6.7509
Euro	1.0186	.9817
Japan	.007414	134.88
Mexico	.049348	20.2642

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	5.50	5.50
3-mo. T-Bill	2.62	2.53
6-mo. T-Bill	3.13	2.94
5-yr T-Note	2.91	2.66
10-yr T-Note	2.75	2.61
30-yr T-Bond	3.00	2.93

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,687.69	+113.76	+.84%	-13.83%
London	7,482.37	+42.63	+.57%	+1.32%
Hong Kong	20,045.77	-156.17	-.77%	-14.33%
Nikkei	28,249.24	+73.37	+.26%	-1.88%

Stocks of Local Interest									
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	23.96	+1.78	+11.9	-11.9	Meta Platforms Inc (META)	170.25	+3.14	+.49	-49.4
AT&T Inc (T)	18.00	-.35	-2.68	-26.8	MetLife Inc (MET)	62.94	+.14	+.7	-.7
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	100.07	-2.24	-30.5	-30.5	Missfresh Limited (MF)	.17	-.01	-96.6	-.96.6
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN)	139.41	-1.39	-16.4	-16.4	Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.80	-.05	-84.7	-84.7
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	15.02	+.28	-16.4	-16.4	Norwegian Cruise Ln (NCLH)	13.53	+.32	-34.8	-34.8
Amphenol Corp (APH)	77.58	+.04	-11.3	-11.3	Novartis AG (NVS)	85.94	+.37	-1.7	-1.7
Apple Inc (AAPL)	164.87	-.48	-7.2	-7.2	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	177.93	-11.96	-39.5	-39.5
Avalara Inc (AVLR)	91.86	-3.69	-28.9	-28.9	Opendoor Technol (OPEN)	5.89	+.17	-59.7	-59.7
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	49.18	+.35	-1.4	-1.4	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	79.28	-.04	-8.9	-8.9
Bank of America (BAC)	33.49	-.47	-24.7	-24.7	Palantir Technol (PLTR)	9.82	-1.63	-46.1	-46.1
Barnes Group (B)	33.56	-.22	-28.0	-28.0	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	49.57	+.30	-16.1	-16.1
Barrick Gold (GOLD)	16.20	+.60	-14.7	-14.7	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	3.27	+.04	-50.7	-50.7
Bed Bath & Beyond (BBBY)	11.41	+3.25	-21.7	-21.7	Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	25.62	+.43	-9.2	-9.2
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1955.80	+30.83	-18.5	-18.5	Prudential Fnci (PRU)	97.30	+.79	-10.1	-10.1
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	73.80	+1.68	+18.4	+18.4	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	65.44	+.70	-1.9	-1.9
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	102.00	-.26	-1.1	-1.1	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	91.20	-1.83	+6.0	+6.0
Carnival Corp (CCL)	10.01	+.19	-50.7	-50.7	Rogers Corp (ROG)	266.55	-2.55	-2.4	-2.4
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	41.94	+.06	-22.2	-22.2	SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	60.45	-.22	-26.3	-26.3
Charter Communic (CHTR)	464.05	+1.07	-28.8	-28.8	Shopify Inc (SHOP)	39.77	-1.04
Cigna Corp (CI)	281.77	...	+22.7	+22.7	Snap Inc A (SNAP)	10.41	+.23	-77.9	-77.9
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	38.59	+.32	-23.3	-23.3	SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.98	+.02	-49.5	-49.5
Disney (DIS)	109.11	+2.48	-29.6	-29.6	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	96.93	+.96	-48.6	-48.6
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	114.84	+.44	-9.9	-9.9	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.86	+.36	-1.8	-1.8
Endo Intl plc (ENDP)	.67	-.05	-82.2	-82.2	Terex Corp (TEX)	35.56	+.145	-19.1	-19.1
Ethan Allen (ETD)	25.39	+.40	-3.4	-3.4	Tesla Inc (TSLA)	871.27	+6.76	-17.6	-17.6
Eversource Energy (ES)	90.93	+.55	-.1	-.1	Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	4.30	+.40	-38.8	-38.8
Ford Motor (F)	15.78	+.48	-24.0	-24.0	Timber Pharmaceutical (TMBR)	.10	-.00	-73.2	-73.2
fuboTV Inc (FUBO)	3.93	+.46	-74.7	-74.7	TOMI Environmental (TOMZ)	1.29	+.24	-21.8	-21.8
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	4.47	+.32	-14.0	-14.0	Travelers Cos (TRV)	159.98	+1.02	+2.3	+2.3
Gen Dynamics (GD)	225.79	-2.97	+8.3	+8.3	Uber Technologies (UBER)	31.85	-.16	-24.0	-24.0
Gen Electric (GE)	75.18	+.82	-20.4	-20.4	United Rentals (URI)	322.14	-1.29	-3.1	-3.1
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg (DNA)	3.24	+.17	-61.0	-61.0	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	536.60	+1.54	+6.9	+6.9
Global Blood Thera (GBT)	66.60	+2.76	+127.5	+127.5	Viatis Inc (VTRS)	10.09	+.36	-25.4	-25.4
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	3.74	-.07	-47.5	-47.5	Virtus Invest (VRTS)	207.61	+2.50	-30.1	-30.1
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	64.60	+.44	-6.4	-6.4	Voya Financial (VOYA)	60.50	+.07	-7.8	-7.8
Honeywell Intl (HON)	193.97	+1.70	-7.0	-7.0	Vroom Inc (VRM)	2.46	+.14	-88.2	-88.2
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	13.55	+.26	-14.9	-14.9	Warner Bros Disc A (WBD)	14.02	-.57	-43.2	-43.2
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	20.27	-.04	-19.9	-19.9	Webster Financial (WBS)	46.20	-.38	-17.3	-17.3
Intel Corp (INTC)	35.38	-.01	-31.3	-31.3	White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1241.82	-8.65	+22.5	+22.5
Intelligent Living (ILAG)	5.07	+1.47	World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	71.66	+.81	+45.2	+45.2
Kaman (KAMN)	31.97	+.30	-25.9	-25.9	XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	57.88	-1.98	-25.2	-25.2
Keycorp (KEY)	18.15	+.09	-21.5	-21.5	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	17.62	+.06	-22.2	-22.2
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	46.39	+.45	-32.0	-32.0					
M&T Bank (MTB)	179.26	+.49	+16.7	+16.7					
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	34.50	-.21	-23.1	-23.1					

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